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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

**FILE NUMBER: 7-576**

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Re: BREXID

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Dear Sir:

Special Agent R. B. Landrum conducted the following investigation in this matter:

Kendallville, Indiana

Agent contacted Chief of Police Clifton E. Harris who advised that he was not on the police force at the time of the Kendallville Bank robbery on October 16, 1931. He advised that Winton J. Jones of Columbia City, Indiana, was the prosecutor at that time.

With Chief Harris, agent contacted Robert Glabaugh, cashier of the Citizens National Bank of Kendallville. Mr. Glabaugh is suffering from an advanced stage of cancer and the interview with him was had in the presence of his physician, Dr. Williams, and was very brief. Glabaugh did not know the names of any of the persons from Toledo or elsewhere that appeared in behalf of Angus and Joseph Roberts, the bank robbers. He stated that the person who was sheriff at Coldwater, Michigan, in 1931, would probably have this information since Angus and Roberts were arrested at that place. Glabaugh said that the case against Angus was dismissed because of misconduct on the part of a witness. Said witness was a barber employed by U. S. Pfaff of Kendallville. Glabaugh further advised that besides a Toledo attorney, Angus was represented by Judge Frigley of Albion and Finley of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

U. S. Pfaff, a barber at Kendallville, advised that the witness above referred to by Glabaugh was Carroll Raymond, who presently resides at Star City, Indiana. Pfaff said that after the robbery of the Citizens National Bank, Raymond told him that he had seen two men loitering in front of the barber shop, which is just across the street from the bank. After the arrest of Angus and Roberts, who had \$19,000 in stolen bonds from said bank in their possession, Raymond's



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statement was made known to the prosecutor. Pfaff said that Hammond was then taken to Caldwell and that he identified Roberts and Angus as the men he saw loitering in front of his barber shop, and as the same two he saw running from the bank immediately after the robbery. Continuing, Pfaff said that after Angus and Roberts were brought to Indiana and placed in jail, an attorney came to Kendallville and got in the good graces of Hammond; that Hammond told him, Pfaff, that this person was an insurance man; that Hammond later told him that the attorney had offered him, Hammond, \$2,000 to forget what he had seen; that Hammond was taken to a hotel room in Fort Wayne by said attorney and there questioned in the presence of a court stenographer who took in shorthand all of the conversation that transpired; and that thereafter Hammond disappeared and was later arrested at Lafayette, Indiana, and given a sentence at the Indiana Penal Farm for evading a subpoena. By referring to his books Pfaff determined that Hammond met the attorney at Fort Wayne on March 24, 1932. The photographs of George Timiney and others sent to the Indianapolis office by the Cleveland office, were exhibited to Pfaff, who had several occasions to see the so-called attorney who contacted Hammond and he said that none of the photographs were familiar to him.

Pfaff described the so-called attorney who contacted Hammond as follows:

Name:	Unknown
Age:	38 or 40
Height:	5'7" or 8"
Weight:	160 or 170
Build:	Sturdy, broad shouldered
Complexion:	Ruddy
Beard:	Smooth shaven, sandy whiskers
Hair:	Between sandy and brown
Peculiarities:	None noted

Pfaff stated that this man stopped at the Kenfall Hotel and agent contacted A. E. Risk, the manager of said hotel, who stated that he would be unable to obtain the name of said person from the records kept by the hotel because his guest cards were filed away in alphabetical order rather than by dates.

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At Columbia City, Indiana

Benton Gates, who was prosecutor at Columbia City at the time of the robbery of the Citizens National Bank at Kendallville in 1931, upon interview advised that said bank was robbed by a gang of five men; that he was of the opinion that Bert Angus, Joseph Roberts, Elmer Hanley, Frank Osborne and John O'Valley were four of the bandits. Gates said that Roberts and Angus were arrested at Coldwater, Michigan, by the Michigan State Police with \$19,000 worth of bonds taken from said bank in their possession; that Roberts was identified by several witnesses to the robbery and was tried and sentenced to a term of 10 to 99 years in the Indiana State Prison where he is presently confined; that Angus was tentatively identified by Carroll Hammond, who later tried to sell out to the defense and that for that reason, the case against Angus had to be dismissed. He also said that Angus presented an iron-clad alibi, which will be detailed hereafter. Angus was represented by Finley Nash of Fort Wayne, Judge Wrisley of Albion, Indiana, and an attorney from Toledo, Ohio, by the name of John Cochran. Gates also said that the defense had an investigator at Kendallville for about two weeks but he did not recall his name. He said this investigator made arrangements for Hammond to meet Cochran in a room in the Anthony Hotel in Fort Wayne, at which time a court reporter, who was concealed in said room, took down the conversation between Hammond and Cochran in shorthand. A transcript of this conversation was furnished agent and the same is being forwarded to the Cleveland office herewith for any value it may have to instant investigation. Gates said that Hammond at this time offered to sell his testimony to the defense for \$2,000 and disappear and that before Angus was brought to trial his attorney gave him, Gates, a copy of the transcript of the conversation, and that after studying same he knew that it would be useless to try Angus, since Hammond was the only State's witness and his testimony was discredited by his offer to accept a bribe. Gates said that Hammond did leave Kendallville and was later arrested at Lafayette, Indiana, and brought back to Kendallville and given sixty days on the Penal Farm for evading a subpoena. Hammond later admitted that he never saw Angus in Kendallville and that his whole story was a hoax, hatched up to extort money out of the defense. After examining the transcript given to agent, Gates said that the name of the investigator was Mosher, given name unknown.

Gates further advised that at his preliminary hearing, Angus produced witnesses who testified that on the day of the robbery he, Angus, saved several people from drowning in Lake Erie.

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He also introduced newspaper clippings from a Toledo newspaper verifying their testimony. The persons rescued by Angus were a Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cooper and three children. The statement given the newspapers by Gates is attached hereto and should be copied into the report prepared on this investigation.

Gates further stated that the State investigators on this case were Charles Bolte of the Indiana State Police and Adolph Seidensticker, a special attorney. He referred agent to them for further information concerning Angus.

The photographs of Timiney and the other persons whose photographs were furnished the Indianapolis office by the Cleveland office, were exhibited to Gates and he said that none of the said pictures resembled any persons he saw at the preliminary hearing for Bert Angus.

Gates also said that Frank Osborne is dead and that John O'Malley is serving a life sentence in a Wisconsin prison for bank robbery. He also said that Bolte, State detective, had found out that Angus had a place on Middle Island in Lake Erie, and that was where he and his gang hung out.

Gates advised agent not to contact Finley Nash at Fort Wayne, who he said was not reliable. He said that Nash was a criminal lawyer of questionable repute.

At the offices of the Owens-Illinois Glass Company, Gas City, Indiana, it was learned that Spencerweeney can be located in Toledo, Ohio, where he is employed by Closure Service, an Owens-Illinois subsidiary. His residence address in Toledo is 1130 Sylvania Avenue. This information was furnished the Cleveland office by teletype on September 4, 1936.

Adolph Seidensticker, Postmaster, Indianapolis, Indiana, was interviewed and he stated that he assisted in the prosecution in the Roberts-Angus case, but he did not have occasion to contact any of Angus' associates during the time said case was pending. He was unable to furnish any information of value and could not identify the photographs of Timiney or others as having been in Indiana at Angus' preliminary hearing.

General inquiry at Star City, Indiana by agent determined that Carroll Hammon was last known to reside in Valparaiso, Indiana.

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Carroll Hammond was located at Valparaiso, Indiana, with the assistance of Police Captain Doc Whittier. Hammond said that at the time of the robbery of the Citizens National Bank of Kendallville, Indiana, he was working in that place and that on the day of the robbery he saw Bert Angus and Joe Roberts in front of his barber shop; that they stood there for about 30 minutes and that during the time Angus looked in the shop and he got a good look at him; that he later heard some commotion in the street and upon leaving his shop he saw Angus and Roberts running up the street and that they were being covered by a man who had a machine gun. He said Roberts apparently had a bag in his hand. Hammond said he told his employer, Mr. Pfaff, about this and that Pfaff told the officers after the arrest of Roberts and Angus at Coldwater, Michigan. Hammond continued, stating that he was taken to Coldwater at which place he identified Angus as being the person he had seen in front of his barber shop before the robbery and as one of the men he saw fleeing from the scene of the robbery.

Hammond continued, stating that shortly after he identified Angus at Coldwater, a man who represented himself as an investigator for Angus' attorney, began coming to his shop for shaves and that on each occasion he would pay him 50¢ for a shave; that after about one week this party, Mr. Mosher, asked him to go to Toledo with him; that he, Hammond, refused to go. He said that thereafter Mosher came to his house one night and told him that he was either going to Fort Wayne with him to see Cochran's attorney or he, Hammond, was going to get bumped off. Hammond said that this frightened him quite a bit and he and his wife agreed to go to Fort Wayne. They, with Mosher, went to Fort Wayne on the Indiana Railroad, and Hammond said on the trip Mosher sat across the aisle from him and kept his hand in his pocket as though he had a gun therein. Hammond said that he was very much afraid of Mosher and when they reached the hotel room he said just what Mosher had coached him to say. Hammond said that before going to Fort Wayne, Mosher had asked him how he would like to make a lot of money, and suggested to him that he accept a sum of money and leave the country so he could not testify against Angus. At Fort Wayne Hammond said he was questioned by Mosher and a Mr. Cochran, and the questions and answers were taken in shorthand by a court reporter who was hidden in the room. He said that upon leaving the hotel room he became very apprehensive about his safety and he decided to leave Kendallville; that he did leave and went to Lafayette, where he had some relatives; that he was arrested in Lafayette by state officers and taken to Kendallville where he was sentenced to sixty days on the Penal Farm on a plea of guilty to evading a subpoena.

The photographs of Timiney and others furnished by the Cleveland office were exhibited to Hammond, and he said that

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he had never seen any of those persons before. Neither did he know anything about Middle Island nor the names of any persons who had ever been to that place.

Harmon's description of Mosher tallied with the one given by Hieff except that Hammond added that Mosher's hair was graying at the temples.

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Charles Bolte, Mabash, Indiana, advised agent that he had conducted the State's investigation in the Kendallville Bank case. He said that Joe Roberts was convicted in that case, and that Bert Angus was arrested in connection with the offense, but the case against him was dismissed. He said that he was convinced that Angus had nothing to do with said robbery because he proved beyond a doubt that he rescued several persons on Lake Erie in a storm on the day of the robbery. Bolte said that at that time (1931), Angus was operating a gambling boat in Lake Erie off Middle Island, which was a hangout for all types of crooks and gangsters, but he was unable to furnish any definite information concerning same. He advised agent to consult the Indiana State Police file on this case, which he said might reveal some detailed information concerning Angus' activities at Middle Island. He did not know the names of Angus' associates or the names of anyone who had ever owned property or vacationed on Middle Island.

The photographs of Timiney and others received from the Cleveland office, were exhibited to Bolte and he said that the photograph of Timiney strongly resembled one man who appeared as an alibi witness for Angus at his preliminary hearing. He had never seen any of the other persons whose pictures were exhibited to him. He described the person whom he said Timiney's photograph resembled as follows: Name, unknown; age, 40 or 45; height, 5'7"-5'8"; 140 to 145 pounds. He said this person wore dark, double-breasted suits.

The photographs which you forwarded to this office with your letter of September 3, 1936, are being returned herewith. This office will make an examination of the Indiana State Police file in the case of the robbery of the Citizens National Bank at Kendallville, and any information of value will be forwarded to you at an early date.

Very truly yours,

cc Bureau  
Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

J. L. BROWN,  
Special Agent in Charge.



**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**  
1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio

**ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY**

**September 16, 1936**

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am attaching herewith the following registration sheets of the Hotel Algeo, Toledo, Ohio, which indicate that:

On February 11, 1934 J.D. Adams and wife and W.J. Harrison registered at the Hotel from Hammond, Indiana, and were assigned Rooms 504 and 503 respectively.

On January 27, 1934 W.J. Harrison (and Sisters) registered at this Hotel from Hammond, Indiana, and were assigned Rooms 403 and 404.

On September 6, 1934 Miss R.S. Greenwood registered from Cleveland, Ohio, and was assigned Room 308.

On February 20, 1934 W.J. Harrison and T.C. Blackburn registered from Hammond, Indiana, and were assigned Room 411.

It is probable that the registration on February 11, 1934 was in the handwriting of William J. Harrison and Harry Campbell; that the registration of January 27, 1934 was in the handwriting of William J. Harrison; that the registration of September 6, 1934 was in the handwriting of Dolores Delaney; that the registration of February 20, 1934 was in the handwriting of William J. Harrison and probably Harry Campbell, Fred or Arthur R. "Doc" Barker.

It is requested that a comparison be made of the handwriting on the above mentioned registration sheets with known handwriting specimens of Harry Campbell, William J. Harrison, Dolores Delaney, Fred Barker, Arthur R. "Doc" Barker.

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Upon the completion of the handwriting comparison, it is requested that the original registration sheets being forwarded herewith be returned at the earliest possible moment to the Cleveland Bureau Office for use in any prosecutive action to be had in the harboring case under investigation at Toledo, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

J.P. MacFARLAND,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Enclosures (4)  
cc - Chicago  
Cincinnati  
Technical Lab.  
REGISTERED AIR MAIL

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J.D. Adams  
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Dolores Delaney  
T.C. Blackburn  
Fred Barker  
Arthur R. "Doc" Barker*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 11200

Laboratory Report

Case: RE: BREKID

Number: 7-576-12857.

The following evidence consists of registration sheets of  
Specimens: The Hotel Algee.  
7-576-12857 Q1. Sheet bearing names of J. D. Adams & wife and W. J. Harrison  
under dated of Feb. 11, 1934. (nos. 9829 & 9830)  
" Q2. Sheet bearing registration of W. J. Harrison - (Sisters) under  
date of Jan. 27, 1934. (no. 9596)  
" Q3. Sheet bearing registration of Miss R. S. Greenwood under date of  
Sept. 8, 1934. (no. 9599)  
" Q4. Sheet bearing registrations of W. J. Harrison and T. C.  
Blackburn under date of February 20, 1934. (nos. 9970 & 9970)  
Examination requested by: Cleveland

Date received: 9-18-36 jwp 10:00 AM

Examination requested: Document *Believe M. J. Harrison (FBI # 727007)*  
Result of examination: *Q1, Q2 & Q4 except name T.C. Blackburn*  
*which was written by Fred Barker. No conclusion* Examination by: *Pickering (AK)*  
*re Q3 and Dallas Deberry*  
*Not enough known specimens.*  
EXPEDITE RETURN OF SPECIMENS.

CC: Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
E. J. Connelley, Chicago

Q1 *J D Adams & Wife, Hammond Ind*  
Q2 *W J Harrison &*  
*Sisters*  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

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Sept. 6, 1934. (no. 3519)  
" Q4. Sheet bearing registrations of W. J. Harrison and T. C.  
Blackburn under date of February 20, 1934. (nos. 9970 & 9970)  
Examination requested by: Cleveland

Date received: 9-18-36 copied 9-24-36

Examination requested:

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Result of examination:

Q1, Q2 Ident with Harrison  
Q3 No Concl

Examination by: Blackburn AE

EXPEDITE RETURN OF SPECIMENS

Q4 1 - Harrison  
Sheet 2 - Fred Barker

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Q2 WJ Harrison (Sisters) ~~Sheet~~  
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Campbell - Harry Campbell

*No Conclusion*

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Q4 W.J. Harrison Hammond Ind  
Ident Harrison

Q4 J. C. Blackburn

Ident Mark J C Blackburn *Ident*

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Examination requested by: Cleveland ✓

Date received: 9-18-36 jwp 10:00 AM

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examined by: Appel (1)

EXPEDITE RETURN OF SPECIMENS.

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Cincinnati ✓  
St. Paul ✓  
E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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September 21, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

In connection with your registered air mail letter of September 16, 1936, in the above-entitled case, transmitting certain evidence for examination in the Technical Laboratory, consisting of hotel registration sheets, you are advised that although your letter indicates the original evidence as being attached thereto, the evidence was actually received subsequent to the receipt of your letter and under separate cover.

Although the correct evidence was eventually received in this particular instance, the Bureau believes that the handling of this matter indicates a lack of adequate care and attention to the manner of handling, preparing, and transmitting original evidence in your office and the Bureau cannot over-emphasize the importance of properly caring for such original evidence.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-37

REPORT MADE AT <b>KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-15-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-5-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. B. BROWN</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232, et al Edward George Bremer - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE HARBORING OF FUGITIVES NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="text-align: right;">Mrs. Eva Hopper resides at 1107 South 33rd Street, St. Joseph, Missouri, but was out of the city when Agent called.</div>			
P.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent V. W. Gillen, Kansas City, 8-18-36.			
<p>DETAILS: Agent ascertained from the city directory, St. Joseph, Missouri, that Mrs. Eva Hopper resides at 1107 South 33rd Street. At this address Agent noted that several days accumulation of letters were in the mail box and that the house was closed.</p> <p>At 1109 South 33rd Street, the home of W. T. Wiley, Boyd Wiley was interviewed and advised that Mrs. Hopper had left for Kansas City about 9-1-36 and stated that she would return in two or three days but that she had not yet returned. He stated that he is acquainted with Lucille Ferris Lett, who had visited with Mrs. Hopper at the above address, and that from conversations with Mrs. Hopper he is of the opinion that she did not know for certain that Lucille Ferris had married Milton Lett and that she does not know where she is at the present time. He stated that his mother and father have been interviewed by Government officers and local police authorities with reference to information concerning the present whereabouts of Milton Lett.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED  <i>W. A. Smith</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES		
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but that he is certain they have been unable to furnish any information of value as Mrs. Hopper, who is very friendly, had mentioned Milton Lett and Lucille on several occasions but has indicated that she did not know where either Milton Lett or his wife Lucille was at the present time.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:**

KANSAS CITY OFFICE at St. Joseph, Missouri, will again make an effort to interview Mrs. Eva Hopper at 1107 South 33rd Street, for the purposes requested in reference report and will carry out such other leads requested in reference report as have not yet been covered.

**PENDING**

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

September 16, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

As requested in your letter of September 14, 1936, there have been withdrawn from the files in this Office copies of all reports in both the Brekid and Hanap files setting forth the dates of convictions, sentencing, et cetera, of the individuals named in your letter and these serials are being forwarded herewith to your Office. When same have served their purpose it is requested that they be immediately returned to this Office by registered mail.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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501 Healey Building,  
Atlanta, Georgia,  
September 15, 1936.

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Mr. W. L. Joiner,  
Motor Vehicle Division,  
State Revenue Commission,  
State Capitol Building,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is had to a letter from your office to this  
office dated July 28, 1936, in which you advised that a stop card  
had been placed against a 1933 Standard Ford Coupe, Motor #18-  
429014.

Please be advised that this automobile has been located  
and it is requested that this stop notice be removed.

I desire to express the appreciation of this Bureau for your  
cooperation in this and past instances.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati  
Chicago  
St. Paul

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1105 Mills Tower,  
San Francisco, California.

September 14, 1936. September 20, 1936

Following Telegram, message to: S A C

CLEVELAND, OHIO

URGENT. REPLY BY LETTER TO DALLAS OFFICE REQUESTED

Mr. J. A. Johnston, Warden,  
Alcatraz Prison, U.S. Penitentiary, SEVENHUNDRED FOURTEENTH  
Alcatraz Island, California.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

RECEIVED FROM SAN FRANCISCO, SEPTEMBER TWENTY

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 20, 1936, enclosing copies of all incoming and outgoing mail of prisoner Thomas Holden, Number 138-A2 and the incoming mail of prisoner Francis Keating, Number 130-A2 for the period July 10, 1936 to August 20, 1936.

Examination of this correspondence has been made by this office and there appears to be nothing of significance attached to any of it, and the same is being returned, as you have requested.

I wish to thank you for your cooperation in furnishing this information to this Bureau and also to advise you that it will be no longer necessary to forward copies of this correspondence to this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

W. L. Listerman,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

*Edw L. Bunker*

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

Cleveland FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT <b>Cleveland, Ohio</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/15/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/8-14/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>S. K. McKEE EJB</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="display: flex;"> <div style="width: 20%; font-size: small;"> <p>See (8)</p> <p>7/10</p> <p><i>[Handwritten notes and signatures]</i></p> </div> <div style="width: 80%;"> <p>"Toots" Talbot, Whitey Warner, "Tip" O'Neil, Dan Gallagher, Ruth Spangler, William J. Mitchell, all of whom are connected with Harvard Club, were questioned at length in Cleveland office, but no admissions were made to indicate knowledge on part of Hebebrand and Patton, et al, that Karpis and others were fugitives in this kidnaping. Identities of Harvard Club personnel during 1934 and presently, obtained from above persons for use this investigation. "Toots" Talbot stated club is run through "fix" with mayor and marshal of Newburgh Heights, Ohio; also possibly with Sheriff's office, Cleveland, Ohio. Talbot identified Lett and Hunter as former employees of club. Warner identified Hunter as employee of club and Lett, Karpis, and Harrison as persons observed in club. George Himmelstein unable to furnish information of value. Residence of Sharkey Gorman located. C. N. Mitchell admitted renting houses of Karpis and Barker, under aliases, but denied knowledge of identities. Inspector Frank Story refused to give name of officer who contacted Harvard Club representative 9/6/34. Police matrons book records arrests of Sawyer, Harmon, Burdette at 6:15 P. M., 9/5/34. Policewoman Heidinger denies connection above women except in identification Francine Sawyer. Interviews with women prisoners held city jail 9/5-8/34 fails to reveal data on tipoff. Additional investigation in vicinity houses occupied by gang unproductive. Observations made to place tap on business telephone of Hebebrand and Patton. Logs of taps on telephones of Ardell Quinn and Nate Weisenberg show additional police contacts; indicate police are now</p> </div> </div>			
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active in vice raids; furnishes basis for possible WSTA prosecution as to Ardell Quinn. Tap on Weisenberg at Mayfair Casino discontinued 9/14/36.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, 9/8/36.

DETAILS:

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

This report represents the investigative activities of the various Agents assigned to the harboring investigation at Cleveland, Ohio, as indicated in the body of this report.

Special Agents W. H. Hoffman and H. A. Snow have maintained a tap on the telephone of Ardell Quinn, 1916 East 84th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, a notorious house of prostitution, on a twenty-four hour a day basis. Data obtained over this tap will, no doubt, be the basis for a White Slave Traffic Act prosecution as to the Quinn woman in the near future. A complete summation of the information secured through this tap will be incorporated later in this report. Special Agent W. P. Ellwood assisted in maintaining this tap from September 10 to 13, 1936, while Agent Snow was absent from Cleveland on subpoena.

Special Agents W. B. Matney and L. Levin have maintained a twenty-four<sup>hour</sup> per day tap on the telephones of Nate Weisenberg at the Mayfair Casino, 1511 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. A summary of information obtained through this surveillance will be reported in this report. This tap was discontinued on September 14, 1936, inasmuch as nothing of material value was being obtained over it. Arrangements are being made to install a tap on the telephone of The Beachcliff Building Corporation, Rocky River, Ohio, near Cleveland, where Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton maintain offices and spend the greater portion of their time according to information received from their associates.

Upon instructions of Inspector E. J. Connelley various persons who have been identified as having been connected with the Harvard Club in Newburgh Heights, Ohio, during the period from the early summer of 1934 to the present time, are being brought to the Cleveland office for interview concerning their knowledge of the presence of the various fugitive subjects in this case at the Harvard Club, and as to their associations and connections with these persons. This action is predicated on the belief that information must be obtained from within the club in order to show that Hebebrand, Patton, and others have knowledge of the identities of the fugitives during the time they were frequenting the Harvard Club and harbored them notwithstanding this situation. It is believed that information will be obtained to show that the various fugitives came to Cleveland in the early summer of 1934 with introductions from Toledo, Ohio; that they were harbored here; and, that after the arrests of the Sawyer, Harmon, and Burdette women on September 5, 1934, introductions were given the fugitives to various persons at Miami, Florida, and elsewhere, in order that further shelter might be obtained by them. Facts already contained in this file indicate that the fugitives in this case were able to obtain shelter and avoid arrest only because of their connections with vice and gambling interests in various parts of the country.

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Inquiry was made by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and R. T. Noonan for the purpose of locating "Toots" Talbot, employee at the Harvard Club. Agent Noonan consulted Charlie Sellers, who formerly operated a beer parlor directly in front of the Harvard Club, and who is now preparing to open a restaurant on Harvard Avenue, about one block from the present location of the Harvard Club. Sellers advised that Talbot was still working at the club and was one of the old timers; that he lived somewhere on the west side of Cleveland, probably in Lakewood, and that he was originally from Lorain, Ohio, where his father was at one time a captain of one of the boats. Sellers advised that Talbot goes by his place every day about noon, his wife driving him to the Harvard Club in their Chrysler sedan. Inquiry was made at Lorain, Ohio, on September 11, 1936, and through a Mr. Moore, brother-in-law of Talbot, it was learned that George "Toots" Talbot resides in an apartment house at 1385 Manor Park, on the corner of Detroit and Manor Park Avenues, Lakewood, Ohio. He furnished the telephone number of Talbot as Boulevard 2659-J.

Talbot was located by Agents Fitzgerald and Noonan on September 12, 1936, and brought to the Cleveland Bureau office where he was interviewed by Special Agents S. K. McKee and R. T. Noonan. He stated that his correct name is George Arnold Talbot, and that he is 38 years of age, and will be 39 years of age on December 29, 1936. He is married and has been for the past seven years, and has no children. He was born in Buffalo, New York, but his parents moved to Lorain, Ohio, when he was one year old, and they resided there until they died four or five years ago. He has two brothers, Alexander Talbot, who is first mate on a ship on the Tomason Line, and Scott Thomas Talbot, second mate on the Richard Trumbull boat of the Pittsburgh Steamship Lines. During his life he has done all kinds of work, but for the past thirteen years he has been in the gambling game. He formerly worked for Jimmie Hayes in Toledo in the gambling racket and there met Charlie Champagne, who now works at the Harvard Club. It was Champagne, who first started him in the gambling racket. Tom Worland of Toledo was also associated with Hayes, and later he worked for a short time as a dealer in a gambling house at Flint, Michigan, owned by Worland. He also worked five years for one Fontaine in Washington, D. C., in a gambling house, but has been with the Harvard Club since it opened about 1929. He also stated that he worked in the gambling racket for Tom McGinty at Cleveland, Akron, and Columbus, Ohio. He has been arrested twice, once at the time of a stickup of Clark's restaurant in Cleveland, when a man held up the place and he and another party, who were there talking, were taken in for the purpose of getting information from them as to the identity of the robber; and the other occasion was an arrest in a gambling place in Flint, Michigan, where he was working and which place was raided by the state police. He believes he was fingerprinted at that time, but could not say so definitely.

When he first came to the Harvard Club, Talbot stated that he was employed as a dealer, but for the past three years, or from December, 1933, two days before Christmas, he has been floorman at the club. He is also considered a partner at the club now and has been out in for a share of the profits, which out is arrived at without his having any knowledge of the amount taken in, or the manner in which the cut is arrived at. He readily admitted that he is really the front for the club at the present time, but stated that the men who are behind the club and are the real owners are Art Hebebrand and Shimmie Patton. Bill Mitchell has always been associated with the club, until about two months ago, when it is believed that he was bought out by Hebebrand and Patton, and at the present time Hebebrand and Patton put up the bank roll. Talbot said that he and others have always felt that the reason Mitchell was connected with the club was because he put up the bank roll to start with. Until Mitchell got out of the club about two months ago the following was the organization: Art Hebebrand, Shimmie Patton, Nate Weisenberg, Bill Mitchell, George "Shorty" Conway, Billy Ferguson, and himself. The only part of the club that he has, he stated, is that he runs the place for the others, he and "Shorty" Conway, both of whom are known as floormen. All of the original organizers of the club, according to Talbot, were broke when the place began to operate, except Mitchell. Mitchell, he stated, is in the real estate business and has been for years and Art Hebebrand formerly worked for Mitchell as a carpenter, but later went into the building business himself.

At the present time George "Shorty" Conway is the floorman at nights and he, Talbot, is floorman during the day. In 1934, when at the big place, he was also floorman, along with Danny Gallagher, "Shorty" Conway, Benny Cohen (who is also a floorman now), Max Gladstone (who remained about a year) and Bill Mitchell, until Mitchell left for Roumania with the slot machines. Mitchell was in the "cub" most of the time then, according to Talbot. He furnished the address of George "Shorty" Conway at the present time as 3787 West 136th Street, telephone Clearwater 4692W, which is listed in the name of his son, Robert A. Conway.

Talbot furnished the following names of the employees at the Harvard Club at the present time, together with other information he knew of them:

Earl Brazier, alias Stubby, originally from St. Louis, Missouri, and Toledo, Ohio. Residence - 65th and Detroit Avenue, Gordon Square Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.

Morris Balis, alias Ta Ta, originally from Cleveland.

Gus Wittie, originally from Detroit, Michigan.

Harry Side, from Cleveland, Ohio.

The latter three are all from the east side of Cleveland at the present time, in the vicinity of 105th and Euclid Avenue, the exact present address not being known. The above four go to work at twelve o'clock noon. The man who goes to work on the ladder at that time is Charles Crowle, alias Pretty Charlie, originally from Toledo.

The following go to work at the crap game table at one P. M. each day:

Joe Catalona, alias Pay Cash, originally from Cleveland.

Al McCabe, originally from Toledo.

Harry Solomon, from Cleveland.

Louis Weeks, alias Pappie, from Cleveland and Detroit.

The above four live on the east side of Cleveland, but Talbot does not know their addresses. The man who works on the ladder for this crap table is Waddy Shoemaker, originally from Detroit. He also lives on the east side.

The following go to work at the crap table at two P. M. each day:

Chris Brown, originally from Toledo.

Ray McKay, originally from Toledo, and lives on west side.

Jim Furlong, originally from Washington, D. C., and lives on east side.

Sam Solomon, from Cleveland, and lives on the east side.

The man who works on the ladder for this game is Arthur "Red" McCool, originally of Toledo, Ohio, and he now lives on Thoreaux Road on the west side.

The following go to work at 7:30 in the evening:

Al Foster, of Cleveland.

Bill Fink, formerly of Detroit.

Frank Warner, alias Whitey, originally from Toledo.

The above three live on the east side.

George Langstaff, originally from Akron, and now lives on the west side, off Lorain Avenue, past 117th Street.

The man on the ladder for this game is Ben Kelly of Cleveland, and also Whitey Madison, originally of Detroit and Cleveland, who resides in Lakewood at some point just off Madison Avenue, Talbot not having a more definite address.

The following go to work at 9 P. M. on the crap table:

Lefty Hartman, formerly of Detroit.

Botch (last name unknown) of Cleveland.

Sam Gatterman, originally of Detroit.

Charles Berlin, originally from Detroit and Cleveland.

The above four all live some place on the east side of Cleveland.

The man who goes to work on the ladder at 9 P. M. is Charles S. Champagne, formerly of Toledo, who now resides at 3022 West 14th Street.

The blackjack game dealers are:

Pete Mellee, who lives on the east side of Cleveland, and

Lefty Graham (not Ross Graham), address unknown. They have lived at least twenty years in Cleveland.

The following are employed in the Horse Room and were all born and reared in Cleveland:

Bert Trotner  
Tom Collins  
Joe MacAntee  
Bill Rosen

Dempsey  
Bernie Devlin

George Gould

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Johnnie Miller

Bill Rumbley

Jim Donnelly

Frank Smith

All of these parties live on the west side except Trotner and Rosen, who live on the east side of Cleveland.

The following are the doormen now employed at the Harvard Club, and all have been there for over two years:

Tony Amersbach

Louis Monaco

Rube McNulty

John "Sharkey" Gorman

All four of these doormen reside on the west side of Cleveland.

There are also employed at the club Jimmie Keegan, or Keighan, Butch Duffy, and one Sam, last name forgotten.

Talbot, who wrote the above names down, stated that the club also has five hustlers, two on Euclid Avenue in the vicinity of 105th Street, two in downtown Cleveland, and one on the west side. The dealers at the present time are paid \$12.00 per day with \$2.00 per hour for overtime.

The Harvard Club, according to Talbot, moved to the big building on Harvard Avenue, in December, 1932, and stayed there until January 10, 1936, when it was raided by Safety Director Ness. It opened again on February 14, 1936, St. Valentine's Day, at its present location on the northwest corner of Harvard Avenue and East 42nd Street, in the village of Newburgh Heights. Talbot admitted that he knew of the "fix" in Newburgh Heights, and after some hesitation stated that it was with the mayor and the marshal. However, he claimed not to know any of the details of this pay-off, stating that this was all handled by Hebebrand and Patton. He added that there were only two police officers in Newburgh Heights, so that the "fix" should not be very difficult. Talbot further admitted that he knew the club could not run without a

further pay-off and first said that he "supposed" it would be "with the Sheriff." When questioned further he said he thought it was with the Sheriff himself, or his chief deputy, Albers. However, he claimed not to know of any of the arrangements for the pay-off that might have been made, stating that if any trouble came up with the officers, or anyone, he would call Hebebrand or Patton and let them take care of it.

Talbot was questioned concerning any dealer by the name of "Bill", who worked at the club for a short time in 1934, this being the name of the dealer furnished by Charles Sellers, as the one who told him that Karpis, Willie Harrison, and the man named Harry, were friends of his and for Sellers to take care of them as far as furnishing them with liquor. Talbot could not recall anyone but a Bill Allen, who had a bad skin disease and left after the place closed in January, 1936, and never returned. Allen was from Toledo. Talbot believes he came to the club in the fall of 1934 and then worked for about a year. He came the same time as "Stubbie", Earl Braziel, the two of them coming at the request of Talbot, who called up Toledo for some help. Talbot stated that when he wants dealers he calls Joe Morrissey or Jack Fay of Toledo and they usually are able to send him help - it was either one whom he called on this occasion.

At this time Talbot admitted knowing Joe Roscoe of Toledo. He stated that he formerly worked for one Holly, who was a partner of Tom Worland of Toledo, and through them he met Roscoe. He also stated that at that time Jimmie Hayes was the "big fix" in Toledo.

Concerning the slot machine business, Talbot stated that it is generally understood that Nate Weisenberg is the slot machine king in Cleveland, and that he has an associate by the name of Morris Haas. However, it is also understood that Weisenberg is only the "front" for the Mayfield Road Gang, who really control the slot machine racket. The Harvard Club, when it was operating in the big place on Harvard Avenue, had about twenty slot machines. At the present time there are six machines in the club. Tony, last name not known, a big, fat Italian, and one Joe Blank (this is not believed to be his correct name), another Italian, come together to collect from these machines.

Among the photographs shown to Talbot he was able to identify only Fred Hunter and Milton Lett, outside of the local characters whose pictures were shown to him. He denied ever seeing Karpis, either of the Barkers, Campbell, Harry Sawyer, or Willie Harrison, stating that they might have been in the club, but if so he did not see them. His



explanation was that he had to watch the money and did not make it a point to look at the faces of the customers to any extent, unless something unusual came up. With reference to Hunter, he stated that Hunter came there and asked for a job as a blackjack dealer and being short of dealers at the time he gave him a job after first finding out that he could deal the game. It was not until later that he found out who Hunter was, his only knowledge for a long time being that Hunter was supposed to be a northern gambler from around Warren and Youngstown, Ohio. Hunter was employed as a dealer for only about a month and then the club purchased dice from him as a representative of Joe Handy. Just the day before this interview, Handy brought some dice over to the club and he and Talbot discussed the fact that it would be just a year in October since the club started buying dice from Handy. Talbot stated that Hunter, whom he knew only as "Slim", brought Handy over and introduced him, in October, 1935, as a maker of dice, and it was in this way that the club began purchasing dice from Handy. Talbot, therefore, estimates that it was possibly a couple of months before that that he hired Hunter and that it was about the middle of the summer of 1935.

With reference to Milton Lett, Talbot stated that Lett came in there one day and said that he was sent there to go to work as a "shill", that is, as a decoy to start various games going when they began to lag. Talbot stated that he assumed this order to go to work came from higher up and therefore he did not ask any further questions, but put Lett to work at \$7.00 per day. He only worked about two months, Talbot at no time asking who had hired him. He was known during all that time as "Willie", last name not known. This employment was some time before the big place closed, probably in the fall of 1935, Talbot stated. He stated that Lett talked like an Oklahoman, a hill-billy, and not with the usual southern accent.

Talbot further stated that he recalled the time the three women were picked up in the Cleveland Hotel in September, 1934, as he read about it in the papers. He claimed that he did not talk to Patton or Hebebrand about this arrest, and emphasized that he never talked over anything but business matters with them. He did not recognize the photographs of any of the women as having been at the club. He advised that the newspapers carried photographs of both the men, and the women they were said to be with, at the time and also stories that they had been at the club, but even at that time he remarked that he had no recollection of their being there.

When questioned about the rumors to the effect that machine guns were in the "coop" at the Harvard Club, Talbot stated that this was not the truth and that at no time since he has been there has the club ever had a machine gun. The only guns kept there in the coop are a gas gun and a small revolver.

Talbot stated that Dan Gallagher and Benny Cohen made a trip to Miami, Florida, in January, 1935, and did so because both of them were ill. He advised that he has never been in Florida. With reference to Tom McGinty, he advised that McGinty is a life long friend of Patton's, but is not in the same organization. He admitted that McGinty has protection, but does not know where. He intimated that it was through the Safety Director, but added that it was not through the present Safety Director, Ness. He also thought it might be through the mayor.

It was further stated by Talbot that Francis Zimmer runs the Argonne Club and that his partner is supposed to be one George Svinger. Zimmer has operated this place for four or five years. Talbot at one time worked with Zimmer.

Talbot stated that he has heard it talked in general conversations that the gamblers were the ones who brought Karpis and the others to Cleveland, that is, the big shot gamblers. He saw such accusations in the newspapers and also saw in the newspapers that Mitchell is supposed to have rented the houses to them that they occupied.

Talbot also advised that one Jerry Gannon was employed by the Harvard Club, the first time in the summer of 1935. He acted as a "shill" and also performed any other duties wanted of him. About three weeks ago he became intoxicated and left and is now out of a job. He comes around occasionally and Talbot has given him a few dollars to live on. He is supposed to live on the west side. Talbot does not recall a Rube Gannon ever being employed at the club. The only Rube is one "Rube" McNulty, who has been doorman at the new place since March, 1936, and was "shilling" and acting as outside watchman at the old location of the Harvard Club.

George Talbot advised that he would report to the Cleveland office for interview at any time that his presence was desired.

The following is a description of George Talbot:

Age	-	38 years
Height	-	5'6"
Weight	-	190 pounds
Hair	-	Dark
Eyes	-	Blue
Education	-	High School
Marks and Scars	-	Large mole on back of neck
Criminal Record	-	Arrested once in Cleveland for information in re holdup; and once in Flint, Mich. for gambling.



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Frank Warner, room 1132 Allerton Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, was interviewed by Special Agents A. Paul Kitchin, and C. E. Smith, and requested to accompany Agents to the Cleveland Bureau office for the purpose of questioning him relative to his knowledge of the Barker-Karpis gang, inasmuch as the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, June 1, 1935, reflects on page fourteen, that informant [redacted] advised that he had seen Whitey Warner in the company of William Harrison at the Harvard Club.

Warner stated that his true name is Stephen Wosnis, and that he has been employed since February, 1934, at the Harvard Club as a dealer at the crap table, and before that had worked for several years in Toledo, Ohio, for the late Jimmy Hayes, being employed as a dealer in craps and blackjack at a gambling club located at 216 St. Clair Street, Toledo, Ohio, as well as the Jovial Club at 631 St. Clair Street, Toledo, Ohio. Warner stated that times started to get a little tough in Toledo about 1934, and he came to Cleveland to try to secure a job as a dealer and went to the Harvard Club as he had formerly worked with "Toots" Talbot and Dan Gallagher in Toledo, Ohio. Warner stated that the club did not need any dealers at that time, so he left the Jovial Club number, and a short time later Al McCabe, a dealer at the Harvard Club, who had also worked in Toledo, with him called him up and told him there was a job open, and he came down and took it and has been working there ever since, with the exception of about ten or twelve days in January, 1936, after the old club was raided.

Warner was questioned closely as to whether Joe Roscoe of Toledo, Ohio, had secured his job for him at the Harvard Club, however, he denied that he had, stating that although he knew Roscoe and was of the opinion that Roscoe may have had a piece of the Jovial Club, and he had seen Roscoe on occasions at the Harvard Club, he had not approached him for a job, and did not know whether Roscoe had any connections at the Harvard Club. Warner was also questioned as to the last time that he had seen Rene Holst, and he stated that he had not seen her for about a year, advising that the last time he could recall was the summer of 1935, further advising that on that occasion, he had gone to Toledo, Ohio, and rented a cab from a taximan known as Frank Greenwald and had driven to several of the spots he knew and had several drinks with Greenwald, and then Greenwald had suggested that they go out to the Indian Lakes Inn, at Point Place, Ohio, which was operated by Rene Holst; Warner stated that he told Greenwald at that time that he did not care to see Rene anymore, however, Greenwald drove him there and they had a couple of drinks and then left, and he has not seen her since. Continuing, Warner stated that on one occasion he had a date with Rene and she failed to keep it and he had stopped.

at her place on Cherry and Collingwood Avenues to see if she had come home, and just as he was coming down the steps, Rene and Ludy Fleming, a former dry agent, were coming in. Warner stated that he had no use for Fleming since then.

Numerous photographs of all of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to Warner and he identified those of Gladys Sawyer, James Wilson, William Harrison, Milton Lett and Alvin Karpis. In reference to the identification of Gladys Sawyer, Warner was unable to state where he had seen her, or in whose company she was, stating that so many people passed by him in his type of work that unless something unusual happened in reference to them he would not pay particular attention. With reference to James Wilson, Warner likewise stated that he was sure he had seen him somewhere, but was unable to place him, or any of his associates. Agents then questioned Warner as to where and when he had seen William J. Harrison, and he stated that during the summer of 1934 he had noticed him at the Harvard Club and had also drunk a glass of beer with him on one or two occasions at the beer parlor run by a man known as Sellers, the beer parlor being located in a house directly in front of the Harvard Club. Warner was closely questioned in regard to any conversation he had with Harrison, and especially if Harrison had ever told him that Rene Holst was operating a house of prostitution in Toledo, Ohio, and as a result of that conversation he, Warner, went to Toledo, and reprimanded her for engaging in that kind of work. Warner stated that any one who made a statement of that kind was a "liar", as he had never had any conversation of that type with Harrison, and in fact did not know what name Harrison used until told by Agents. Warner stated that he did not know with whom Harrison associated and denied ever seeing him in company with Karpis or any other members of the gang, nor did he ever see him visiting or talking with Art Hebebrand or James Patton.

With reference to Milton Lett, Warner stated that he did not know his name, but had seen him at the Harvard Club on several occasions and related that about Thanksgiving Day in 1935 he, Warner, was playing the roulette wheel, and had placed a bet, and Milton Lett was also playing, and at the turn of the wheel Warner's number came up and Lett had moved his, Warner's, chips from the number, causing Warner to lose. Warner stated that he told Lett to keep his hands off the chips that did not belong to him and they exchanged a few words and then Warner left. Warner stated that he did not notice with whom Lett associated at the club, nor did he know whether he worked there, or not, advising that there were a lot of shillers around who were not known to the dealers because they were used to check on the dealers.

Warner further advised that he had noticed Alvin Karpis at the club on several occasions, but did not know his name, nor could he state about what period he saw him, other than he thought it was during the summer of 1934. Warner stated that the first time he noticed him, Karpis walked up to the crap table that he, Warner, was dealing at and threw a \$20 bill on the table without saying anything, and Warner had to call the throw. Warner advised that he called Karpis on the play and warned him that if he wanted change he should say so, or he was liable to lose his money. According to Warner, Karpis just smiled and then pulled out a large roll of bills from his pocket and started to play. Warner was questioned as to whether he had seen any of the individuals he had identified at any of the places where he spent his spare time, and he stated that he worked from 7:30 P. M. until 4:30 A. M., and for that reason did not have much time to run around.

Warner was questioned about the identity of various gamblers who had come from Toledo, Ohio, and had worked at the Harvard Club during 1934, and he stated that Leo Haley, a former employee of Jimmy Hayes, had worked at the club for about one year and was presently somewhere in California; Bill Allen, former waiter at Byron's Restaurant at Cherry and Summit Streets, Toledo, Ohio, and presently in Toledo, Ohio; Nick Hasana (phonetic), alias the Persian Cat, who has returned to Toledo; and Arthur McCool, presently living in Lakewood, Ohio, and still working at the Harvard Club.

Warner was also questioned as to the identity of the various individuals presently employed at the Harvard Club and he stated that he knew several by their nicknames, however, he did not in most cases know their last names, stating that he had never made it a habit to ask questions as it was easy to get in trouble in a gambling joint by talking. The following names were obtained from Warner:

Dan Dallagher - This man formerly worked with Warner in Toledo, Ohio, and also worked at the Harvard Club in 1934;  
Al McCabe - This man formerly worked in Toledo, Ohio, with Warner and also worked at the club in 1934;  
Arthur McCool - This man formerly worked in Toledo, Ohio, with Warner and also worked at the club in 1934;  
Charles Crowley - alias Pretty Charlie, formerly from Toledo, Ohio;  
Sammy Solomon - Dealer. This man also worked at the Harvard Club in 1934;  
Hersey Solomon - Dealer. Brother of Sammy.  
George Langstaff - Dealer.  
Chris Brown - Dealer.  
Lefty Graham - Dealer.  
"Sham" Champaign - Dealer. Warner stated that this man was an old time Cleveland gambler.

Whitey Weeks - Dealer.  
 Big Al roster - Dealer.  
 Jim - Board man. (Possibly Jim Tully)

Warner also supplied Agents with the following nicknames of various dealers, stating that he did not know their last names:

Ta Ta; Harry; Gloomy Gus; Cash; Washington; Little Fink; Lefty; Pete; Berlin; Stubby; and Big Joe, a driver. Warner also stated that Eddie Leslie, presently a contractor in Newburgh Heights, was a former driver.

Warner also stated that "Toots" Talbot and "Shorty" Conway were presently operating the club for Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton, and Tony Amersbach was on the door with Smokey Sharkey. When questioned as to what James "Tip" O'Neil does at the club, Warner stated that he did not know, further advising that O'Neil would be seen around the club for a couple of nights, then he would go on a drunk for three or four days and take about a week to get back on his feet.

The following description of Warner was obtained by Agents from personal observation:

Name	-	Stephen Wosnis, alias Stephen Wasmus, alias Frank Warner, alias Whitey Warner
Age	-	39 years (born 9/15/96, Newark, N.J.)
Height	-	5'7 1/2"
Weight	-	165 pounds
Hair	-	Sandy, parted on left side
Eyes	-	Gray, wore octagon shaped glasses, eyes bloodshot
Complexion	-	Medium
Teeth	-	Fair and even
Build	-	Medium
Peculiarities	-	Slight lisp when talking
Race	-	White
Nativity	-	Polish
Marital Status	-	Single
Occupation	-	Crap dealer
Residence	-	Allerton Hotel, Cleveland, O.
Military Record	-	Enlisted Newark, N. J., 6/1/17 - 11th field Artillery. Discharged 7/30/19. Serial #103937.
Criminal Record	-	Claims none.

On September 12, 1936, James Francis O'Neil, alias "Tip" O'Neil, was interviewed at his residence in the Logan Apartments, 11835 Lake Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, at which time he voluntarily consented to accompany Agents A. Paul Kitchin and C. E. Smith to the Cleveland Bureau office, where he was further interviewed by the above Agents.

O'Neil stated that he was born in Liverpool, England, on December 25, 1884, and that shortly after his birth, his parents moved to the United States, and that he has been residing in the city of Cleveland practically all of his life. He is married to Louise O'Neil, nee Louise Nagle Flynn, and is at present living with her and his step-daughter, Joan Flynn. He stated that he has served two sentences in the United States Penitentiaries at Leavenworth, Kansas, and Atlanta, Georgia, for mail robbery, and that these sentences were served from 1914 to 1917, and from 1931 to 1935, respectively, both being five years each, but he was given good time and parole on the first of these sentences. When questioned as to the reason for just five year sentences being given him on the above charges, when twenty-five years is mandatory, he stated that he could offer no explanation of this fact, other than he was asked to plead guilty to the charges and was then given the five years sentences. He was diplomatically questioned as to any promises being made to him by the Post Office Inspectors at the time of the above sentences and whether or not he was given the short sentence in return for information furnished by him, but he stated that all of the subjects in the above two charges were given the same sentences of five years and that he did not offer any information and did not testify against <sup>or</sup> the subjects involved.

O'Neil stated that he has been in the gambling and other criminal rackets all of his life and that with the exception of from 1917 to 1920, when he operated a hotel in Lorain, Ohio, he has been engaged in such activities. He stated that he started to work at the Harvard Club in 1929 and has worked in the capacity of a floorman at this club ever since this time, with the exception of the period from 1931 to May of 1935, when he was in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia; that during this entire period he has averaged about \$600.00 a month, prior to 1931, and from 1935 to date he has averaged making about \$700.00 a month. He stated that he has never submitted an individual income tax return and that he understood that his return was included in the return prepared for the Harvard Club. He stated that he owns a small interest in the club, together with Art Hebebrand, Shimmy Patton, William J. Mitchell, Bill Fergus, and Nate Weisenberg. He stated that he does not know whether or not "Toots" Talbot and "Shorty" Conway actually own an interest in this club, or what the extent of the interest that is owned by Weisenberg.

O'Neil stated at the outset of the interview that he has known Shimmy Patton practically all of his life, and regards him as the best friend he has; that he has also known Art Hebebrand for the past ten or twelve years and that both Art and Shimmy provided for his family while he was serving the five years in Atlanta; that he would not say anything that would in any way hurt either of the above. He frankly admitted that he would not answer any question that would in the slightest degree incriminate Art or Shimmy, and advised Agents that he knew nothing whatsoever about the matter of the Barker-Karpis gang being at the club. He maintained this attitude throughout the entire interview, which lasted for more than three hours.

He was requested to examine the photographs of Karpis, et al, but failed to identify any of these subjects. He did identify the photograph of Fred Hunter, stating that he recalled that Hunter sold dice to the club and was seen by him at the club frequently during the summer and fall of 1935. He selected the photograph of Milton Lett, stating that he had seen this man at the club, and that he was of the impression that Lett worked there for several months as a shiller. He stated that Lett was working at the club when he, O'Neil, returned to the club from Atlanta in May of 1935; that to the best of his recollection, Lett worked at the club until September or October, 1935. He denied that he was ever approached by either Lett or Hunter and asked to participate in any robbery, stating that he was not intimate with either of these individuals and in fact did not know either of their names.

O'Neil admitted that he knew C. J. Fitzgerald in Chicago about twenty years ago, but that he had not seen Fitzgerald since that time. He stated that he had heard of Cash McDonald and William Elmer Mead, but that he did not know them personally. He stated that he knew George Timiney and Joe Roscoe and that Edith Barry was at one time his girl; that he has seen Edith Barry within the past three months in Toledo, Ohio, but denied that he has ever talked with Edith concerning Karpis, et al. He stated that Joe Roscoe frequently came to the Harvard Club but he has not seen him there recently; that the Harvard Club and Joe Roscoe's Toledo place exchange dealers very often and that both of these places are closely connected in that capacity, but that he did not think that Roscoe owned any interest in the Harvard Club.

O'Neil was thoroughly questioned as to his knowledge of the activities of the employees of the Harvard Club, as well as Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton, in connection with the Barker-Karpis gang being at the club, but no information whatsoever was obtained from this questioning. He was also questioned as to Frank Noonan and his connection with



the club, and he stated that although he knew Noonan, he could offer no information as to his connection with Karpis, et al. He was vigorously interviewed by Agents Kitchin, Smith and Madala, but without success as to any information desired.

When O'Neil was reminded that due to his close connection with this mob, through Fitzgerald, whom he stated he knew quite well about twenty years ago, and his intimacy with the possible subjects of this investigation in Toledo, together with his close associations with both Hebebrand and Patton, that it was quite possible that he was responsible for the mob being at the Harvard Club, he became quite worried and from this time on he took an arrogant and evasive attitude. He was also questioned further relative to the fact that he had not filed an income tax return and he also appeared to be quite concerned relative to this, but in spite of the above facts, he would offer no information whatsoever.

Due to the fact that "Toots" Talbot was being interviewed at the Cleveland office at this same time, and the fact that he had furnished to Agent McKee a complete list of the employees of the Harvard Club, O'Neil was not questioned in this regard.

It should be stated here that it was ascertained that the telephone number of O'Neil's apartment is now Boulevard 8951-W.

Daniel T. Gallagher, 18105 Flamingo Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, was brought to the Cleveland office on the night of September 11, 1936, by Special Agents A. Paul Kitchin and C. E. Smith, and he was questioned at length concerning the harboring violation by these Agents and Special Agent S. K. McKee. This man is forty-one years of age and a native of Cleveland, Ohio. A complete description will be set out at the end of this interview. Gallagher resides at 18105 Flamingo Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, with his wife and small child, in a house rented from Neily Mitchell of the William J. Mitchell Real Estate Company. He is presently employed by the Harvard Club, working on the outside on horse race bets for which he receives compensation of \$10.00 per day.

The following employment history of Gallagher was furnished by him and it is being set out herein for the purpose of showing his background:

1910 - 1917	Employed by Standard Parts Co., Cleveland, Ohio;
1917 - 1919	United States Army;
1919 - 1920	Employed by Standard Parts Co., Cleveland, Ohio;
1920 - 1922	Night manager of Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio;
1922 - 1922	Steward at Hotel Secor, Toledo, Ohio;
1922 - 1923	Worked in gambling house operated by Jimmie Hayes at 216 St. Clair St., Toledo, Ohio;
1923 - 1936	Could not furnish the dates of the employment set out below, but said he had worked at following places in order: Hotel Statler, Cleveland, Ohio, porters' desk; Clifton Club, gambling, Cleveland, Ohio; The Hedges, gambling, Geogus Lake, Ohio; Washington Club, gambling (Gameboy Miller), Newburgh Heights, Ohio; Harvard Club, Newburgh Heights, Ohio; Gambling house on Lake Road operated by some Chicago men; Carter's, gambling, Miami, Florida; Harvard Club, Newburgh Heights, Ohio.

Gallagher advised that he went to work at the Harvard Club about five years ago; that Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton were operating the place at the time; and that Hebebrand has always seemed to be



the real boss, although he knows that Patton and possibly some other men have an interest in the place. He said he started as a dealer, but in about three months was made a floorman, in which capacity he continued until the breakup following Safety Director Ness' raid on January 10, 1936, when the club was discontinued at the big location and moved to the original location at 42nd and Harvard Avenues. He stated that his duties were to be responsible for the operation of the place in the absence of the bosses, and that while employed by the club he has been paid on a daily basis from \$8 to \$12 per day, with \$1.50 for overtime. He advised he was working on the floor during the year 1934, when the club was operated at the big place. He furnished from memory the names of the following employees during 1934, along with the nature of their employment:

Floormen -	George "Toots" Talbot, 1385 Manor Park Ave. "Shorty" Conway, residence on West 135th St. Bennie Cohen, lives on east side of Cleveland.
Doormen -	Tony Amersbach "Big Joe" Louis Monica
Car Parker -	Morgan Gallagher, 1265 W. 67th Street.
Dealers -	"Ta ra" "Pretty Charlie" Ross Graham, from Chicago "Whitey" Madson "Whitey" Warner, alias "Pollock Whitey" Bert Trottnar "Persian Cat" "Sharkey" Gorman John "Rube" McNulty Sammy Solomon
Horse Board -	Frank Smith Joe McIntee Tom Collins Bernie (Art Hebebrand's nephew)
Cashier -	Jakie
Keno Tables -	Fisher (first name unknown) (a man) Ruth Spangler, apartment at 106th and Clifton Masterson (a girl)

He also stated that one Pete Garish operated a lunch counter at the club along with a man called "Josh", and that Garish is now operating the Airport Tavern.

Gallagher said that there were approximately twenty slot machines in the old club which were reported to belong to Nate Weisenberg. He advised that a man called Tony was one of the collectors for these machines. It is believed that Gallagher is able to furnish more information concerning these slot machines, but that he is fearful of doing so.

Photographs of all persons concerned in this investigation were shown to Dan Gallagher, but he stated he was only able to identify the following: Art Hebebrand, Shimmy Patton, "Tip" O'Neil, Fred Hunter, and Milton Lett.

He described Hebebrand and Patton, of course, as the operators of the Harvard Club. O'Neil was described as a very close friend of Patton, who frequents that club regularly and has occasionally worked as a ladder man and who possibly has a financial interest in the place. Fred Hunter was described as a former blackjack dealer at the club, and Milton Lett was referred to as an individual seen around the club.

Gallagher was questioned in detail and at length as to the photographs of the fugitives who resided in Cleveland during the summer of 1934, and who fled following the arrests of the three women. He advised in this connection that he had seen the photographs of these persons in the paper along with a story that they were wanted for the Bremer kidnaping, but he positively denied that he had ever seen any of the subjects, or their women in person. He did advise, however, that about the time the pictures were published in the newspapers several dealers at the club displayed copies of the papers to him and remarked that they had seen this or that individual, referring to the pictures, at their tables. Although it was insisted that Gallagher should remember the identities of the dealers, he advised that he could not recall any of the men, who had shown the pictures to him.

Gallagher also stated that his mother died on August 1, 1934, and he was away from the club for five days at that time. He said he returned to work only for a few days and then took a vacation of two weeks. He stated that his hours at the club were from about noon until ten or ten-thirty in the evening; and that he spent most of his time in the horse room.

The name of Frank Noonan of the Noonan Detective Agency was mentioned to Gallagher and he advised that he is acquainted with Noonan and that Noonan visits the club often. He stated that Noonan formerly furnished watchmen for the club, but he does not believe that he has had this service for some time. He could not state whether Noonan was furnishing watchmen during the year 1934.

Gallagher was also questioned concerning his trip to Miami, Florida, during January and February, 1935, information as to this trip having been obtained through telephone tap on the Harvard Club during that period. In connection with the tap data it is to be stated that some mention was made of Joe Adams and either Hebebrand or Patton told him to duck Adams. Gallagher advised that he made a trip to Miami during January and February, 1935, together with Bennie Cohen, another floorman at the club, and that the trip was taken solely for vacation purposes. He remarked that both he and Cohen had been ill and needed a rest. They stopped first at the Halcyon Hotel and later at the Everglades Hotel. He remembered that he called the club on one or two occasions and during one of these conversations arranged to have \$200 wired to him. Gallagher stated positively that he did not know Joe Adams, and in response to questions, he denied that he had gone to Miami for the purpose of talking with Adams and delivering some message to him. He recalled having had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Tom McGinty at the Fleetwood Hotel during this trip, this being mentioned as the name McGinty is contained in the telephone log. He also said that he and Cohen made a trip to Havana while in Miami, but only went there for the trip and sightseeing purposes. He denied that he is acquainted with anyone in Cuba, or that he made contact with anyone while there. In this connection it is also to be stated that Gallagher denies being acquainted with Cash McDonald and states that he has never heard of the man. With reference to Miami, Gallagher says that he was in Miami during the late winter of 1936, and worked as a dealer for twenty-nine days in Carter's gambling place on the beach. He said he had his wife and child with him and that they had a bungalow on Fourth Street during the time they were in Miami.

Gallagher was definitely made to understand that very little credence was placed in what he had to say and that everything pointed to the fact that he knew Karpis and others were frequenting the club during the summer of 1934, and later, and that numerous persons at the club had knowledge of their identities and of the fact that they were under indictment for the Bremer kidnapping. He protested his innocence in this regard, but it was easy to note that he was visibly worried. He was told that he should think the matter over and that we would communicate with him for an additional interview at a later date.

For future reference the following description of Gallagher was obtained from personal observation and from information supplied by him:

Name	-	Daniel T. Gallagher
Age	-	41 years (born at Cleveland, Ohio, 8/24/95)
Height	-	5'8 1/2"
Weight	-	180 pounds
Hair	-	Light brown, graying at temples
Eyes	-	Blue
Complexion	-	Florida
Occupation	-	Gambler
Marital Status	-	Married - one child
Criminal Record	-	Admits arrest Cleveland, Ohio, Sept., 1935; charge - gambling. Disposition - 30 days Cty. Jail, \$500 fine. Arrested Columbus, Ohio, 1931, suspicion - released.
Relatives	-	Brother - Farrell Gallagher 48th St. near Clark Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. Owen Gallagher, 1265 W. 67th St. Cleveland, Ohio. Morgan Gallagher, 1265 W. 67th St. Cleveland, Ohio. Joseph Gallagher, 1265 W. 67th St. Cleveland, Ohio. Sister - Mary McDonald, 1265 W. 67th St. Cleveland, Ohio. Wife - Linder Gallagher, 18105 Flamingo Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Ruth Spangler, [REDACTED] was located at her residence, 10429 Clifton Boulevard, apartment #205, and invited to the Cleveland Bureau office by Special Agent J. M. Fitzgerald, and there interviewed by said Agent and Special Agent S. K. McKee. After the interview this person was returned to the above address by Special Agent Fitzgerald. She stated that she was born at Marion, Ohio, and named Ruth Morrow, but her parents died when she was very young and she was adopted by a family named Eager, and she thereafter went by the name Ruth Eager until her marriage, and since then has used the name Ruth Spangler, although she was divorced from Spangler three years ago at Cleveland, Ohio. She stated that she has two daughters, namely, Patricia Spangler, age 11 years, and Jaqueline Spangler, age 8 years, both of whom she keeps in Cleveland at St. Joseph's School, but she has them at home with her over week-ends.

Ruth Spangler said she first came to Cleveland, Ohio, in June, 1934, at which time she went to work at the Harvard Club and worked there as a manicurist until about July 15, 1934, when she went to Syracuse, New York, and stayed until school was about to start in early September, then returned to the Harvard Club and worked until late in December, 1935, as a manicurist and head Keno girl, also doing some work behind the counter. She then went to the Everglades Night Club and from there to the Airport Night Club where she is presently employed as check girl, having the checking concession. Pete Garish and Eddie Sinler are partners at the Airport Club and they gave Ruth Spangler the concession there through the influence of Art Hebebrand. She stated that she makes about fifteen or twenty dollars a week at her present job and that Art Hebebrand gives her about \$100.00 a month. She said he does not give her an allowance or anything like that, but gives her money whenever she asks him for it, and she asks for it whenever she needs it.

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Ruth Spangler said that to her Hebebrand "is a marvelous man" and is very good to her. When asked if she would tell anything to hurt Hebebrand she stated that she did not know whether she would or not.

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Ruth said she made \$60.00 or \$70.00 a week while at the Harvard Club and about \$60 a week at the Everglades and has in the bank in her children's names \$1,500 for their education. She said this good money was only made in the winter months and that every once in a while she would be laid off for a week or two.

Photographs of all of the Barker-Karpis gang, their women, and those persons involved in the Cleveland situation were displayed to Ruth Spanger, but she admitted recognizing only photographs of Art Hebebrand, Shimmy Patton, Tip O'Neil and Dan Gallagher. Particular mention was made of the three women who were arrested in Cleveland in 1934, but she emphatically denied ever having seen any of them at the Harvard Club or elsewhere. Later she recognized the photograph of Neil Mitchell. She said there were ten or twenty Keno girls at the Harvard Club when she was there, back in 1934, but could remember only the following names of them: Mary Mulholland, near 98th Street and Lorain Avenue; Guletha Masterson, near the end of Franklin Avenue; Florence, who lives behind Patton's residence; Blanche, Faye, and Marie.

Ruth said she drives a Packard automobile which was the property of Benny Levine before his death and which Benny gave to her, but without the formality of a bill of sale, and that on this car she uses Ohio license plates issued to Clarence Grabis, 10331 Linette Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, for another car which he is unable to drive. She said she took the plates off his car and placed them on her Packard.

She stated that on September 10, 1936, Art Hebebrand came out to the Airport Club to see her and told her that she probably would be picked up by officers for questioning and to look at some pictures and for her to tell the truth and answer all questions truthfully as well as to admit the identity of all persons whose photographs were displayed to her. She also said that some months ago he also told her that she might some time be called in for questioning.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin:

On September 10, 1936, William James Mitchell was contacted at his office at 13029 Lorain Avenue, at which time he voluntarily accompanied this Agent and Agent D. P. Sullivan to the Cleveland Bureau office.

Mitchell stated that his full name is as stated above and that he has been living in Cleveland, Ohio, all of his life. He stated that he now is the sole owner of the William J. Mitchell Real Estate Organization and resides at 3077 West Boulevard in the city of Cleveland, Ohio.

According to Mitchell, he has been in the real estate business for the past thirty-five years and has been in business with several people, including Art Hebebrand. He stated that the first, or one of the first real estate businesses in which he was interested, was the William J. Mitchell Company located at 25th Street West, and Lorain Avenue; that this time he had a small interest in the business of Conger and Helper Company and was employed in the capacity of sales director for this company; that he was then connected with the Dennison Real Estate Company and later went into business for himself at 95th Street West, and Lorain Avenue, beginning about 1918. He stated that at this time he was associated with J. T. Fisher, E. A. Berndt, and Art Hebebrand; that the first two above mentioned partners were directly interested in the real estate company and that Hebebrand was working as a salesman for this company and also had an interest in a building company that was under the management of the above-mentioned real estate company. He stated that Hebebrand remained in this capacity for about one year and then pulled out and went into business for himself; that about ten or twelve years ago he organized the present company at which time he was in partnership with Fisher and Berndt. He also stated that later Art Morris, now deceased, owned a small interest in this company. Mitchell stated that in 1932, they dissolved partnership and that since that time he has been the sole owner.

After being further questioned relative to any connections he may have with Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton, he stated that he absolutely has no connections with these parties at the present time; that he has known Hebebrand ever since Art was about 15 years of age. Mitchell stated that he first met Shimmy Patton during 1934 when he went to work at the Harvard Club; that he had heard of Patton as being a politician on the west side for a number of years, but that he had never had any occasion to make his acquaintance until 1934. According to Mitchell he was approached by Hebebrand to come to the

Harvard Club and supervise some remodeling of the premises, which he did, and that while he was there a proposition was made to him relative to handling some slot machines in the country of Roumania; that while this proposition was hanging fire, and due to the fact that the real estate business was very slow, he went to work for Art Hebebrand at the Harvard Club as a ladder man and worked in this capacity for about three months up to the first part of July, 1934; that he had been at the Harvard Club for approximately five months up to July, 1934, and that during that time he came into contact with a number of employees of the club and also Art and Shimmy. He stated that during the time he was working on the ladder, he was being paid \$15.00 per day for his services. He was asked as to the identities of the employees, at which time he named the following, stating that he could not recall any more of the employees and only knew them by nicknames:

"Toots" Talbot	-	dealer
"Red"	-	dealer
"Tony"	-	doorman
"Shorty" Conway	-	wheel
"Art"	-	horses
Louis Manick (phonetic)	-	door
"Sharkey"	-	shiller
"Danny" Gallagher	-	floor manager

Mitchell was thoroughly questioned as to any others that were at the club, but could supply no further information.

He stated that around the first part of June, 1934, he went to Chicago, Illinois, and stayed about ten days or two weeks at the factory where the slot machines were manufactured and then on July 10, 1934, sailed on the Rex Steamship for Roumania. He stated that he was accompanied by Bill Fergus, Clarence Hebebrand, Nick Nester, John Banatano, and Joe Varniak, a mechanic from the factory at Chicago. He stated that he returned to the United States and Cleveland, on March 18, 1936.

Mitchell denied knowing anything relative to the rental of the premises located on Flamingo and 171st Street and denies that he was approached by anyone relative to these parties, stating that Hebebrand or Patton have never mentioned the Karpis-Barker gang to him in either their names or the aliases used when they resided in Cleveland. He stated that on one or two occasions while he was working the ladder at the club, some one of the dealers called up to him and asked where some one could rent a house and that he told the dealer to refer the party to his company on Lorain. He could not



remember any specific occasion and could not recall the identity of the dealer asking these questions. He also examined all of the photographs in possession of this Agent of the Barker-Karpis gang but could make no identification whatsoever. He selected the photograph of Willie Harrison and stated that this photograph resembled Bill Fergus, but other than this he could see no resemblance to any of the other photographs. He stated that he knew nothing whatsoever of the parties who rented the Flamingo house next to his son, until he read about their identities in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, which paper was sent to him while he was in Roumania; that he did not hear anything relative to these parties from his son, who wrote to him occasionally and his son, Neil, Mitchell, only mentioned this to him once. He stated that he does not recall when he and his son talked to these people as to whether it was before his Roumanian trip or after he returned, but that on one occasion, Neil told him that some man from some department store came to the office and asked about the parties living at the Flamingo address, stating that they had purchased a vacuum cleaner and had paid for it in large new bills. He could not recall anything further relative to this and volunteered the above information relative to the vacuum cleaner salesman. He had never heard of Frank Noonan and knew nothing of any credentials that were alleged to have been in possession of Karpis.

Mitchell stated that he had nothing to do with the rental of the above mentioned premises and could furnish no further information.

The following is a description, as obtained from William James Mitchell by this Agent:

Age	-	59 years (born Cleveland, Ohio, 11/30/76)
Height	-	5'7"
Weight	-	175 pounds
Eyes	-	Blue
Hair	-	Gray
Complexion	-	Medium fair
Build	-	Medium stout
Teeth	-	Two gold teeth lower front
Nationality	-	American
Race	-	White
Occupation	-	Real estate broker, 13029 Lorain Ave., Cleveland, Ohio
Residence	-	3077 West Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio
Scars and Marks	-	None noted
Criminal Record	-	None admitted
Relatives	-	Wife - Agnes Mitchell, 3077 West Blvd. Cleveland, Ohio. Son - Cornelius Neil Mitchell, 25149 Lorain Road, Homestead, Ohio.

- Daughter - Virginia O'Rourke, divorced,  
same as William James Mitchell.  
Daughter - Agnes Mitchell, same address.  
Granddaughter - Virginia O'Rourke.

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By previous appointment, made on September 9, 1936, on September 10, 1936, Cornelius Neil Mitchell called at the Cleveland Bureau office, at which time he was interviewed by Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin.

He stated that he is the son of William James Mitchell and that he resides at 25149 Lorain Road, North Olmsted, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio; that he is at present employed at the William J. Mitchell Real Estate Organization, 13029 Lorain Avenue, which business is owned by his father.

Mitchell stated that he has known Art Hebebrand ever since he, Mitchell, was 13 years of age; that when he first met Art, they both were working for some building contractor and Art was serving his carpenter's apprenticeship. He stated that Art later worked for the Mitchell Real Estate Company and at one time, if he recalls correctly, Art was some sort of partner with his father in the building business.

Mitchell was questioned relative to the rental of the Flamingo and 171st Street addresses that were rented to Alvin Karpis and Freddie Barker, at which time he stated that he recalls renting the Flamingo address to a man he later ascertained was Karpis, through the newspapers, but that he recalls nothing with reference to the details connected with this rental, except that this man came into the office and asked the rental price of the Flamingo house; that he told him it was \$50.00 per month and this man immediately, without asking any further questions, paid him the \$50.00 and rented the house. He identified the photographs of Karpis and Dolores Delaney as being the parties occupying this residence. He stated that he saw this individual on several occasions, but never talked with him, except the time that the premises were rented, and one other time when he was in his front yard and noticed Karpis playing with his dog in the adjoining yard; that due to the fact that his, Mitchell's, dog had the mange, he talked for about five minutes with Karpis telling him that he better be careful about letting his dog out of the yard as he may catch the mange. He stated that on this occasion, Karpis was not very enthusiastic about the conversation and although he appeared to be friendly, he did not prolong the conversation. He stated that on another occasion, the lady who resided next door to the place occupied by Karpis, stopped him as he was going to work one

morning at which time she was talking to Karpis about driving over her hedge; that Karpis told her that he would pay her for any damage done and claimed that his wife had backed the car over this hedge unknowingly. He stated that about three or four days after this happened, he came home one evening and found that Karpis had vacated. He stated that he next saw Karpis while he, Mitchell, was driving home from work. He stated that he was returning to his home via 140th Street and saw Karpis out in the yard of some place located on 140th Street, but that he did not stop and talk to him and that he never did see this individual after this time.

With reference to the house at 4419 West 171st Street, he stated that he rented this place to some man by the name of Madderson, who was accompanied by some other man who was quite heavier than was Madderson, Madderson being a very small man who had a slight limp or list when he walked. He could not identify any of the photographs as being identical with Madderson, or his associate at the time this place was rented. He was then shown the photographs of Fred Barker and Harry Sawyer, but stated that he was quite positive that these were not the parties who rented this house. He selected the photograph of Paula Harmon as being one of the women whom he observed on one occasion when he was called to the house to repair an electric light fuse; that when he was admitted to the house, it was necessary for one of the women to move an ironing board and that this was the woman. He could not identify the photograph of Gladys Sawyer.

He stated that when renting both of the above addresses, he never asked any questions as to references or occupation and these people were not recommended to the Mitchell Company by anyone. He denied that he had ever talked to Art Hebebrand or Shimmy Patton about these people either prior to, during, or subsequent to the time they were occupying the above mentioned premises.

When questioned relative to the time that some man came to him and inquired as to the identity of the people living at the Flamingo address, due to the fact that he was suspicious as they had paid for a vacuum cleaner in bills of large denominations, he stated that he recalled some man asking about them, but does not recall anything concerning this conversation. He stated that he does not remember anything relative to any sort of credentials that are alleged to have been in the possession of Karpis, and has never heard of Frank Noonan.

He stated that the last time he was at the Harvard Club, was about five months ago when he went there to see Shimmy Patton to endeavor to sell him a piece of property. He stated that he recently saw Hebebrand at the home that Hebebrand is now building in Beachcliff; that he knows both Slade and Frank Smith who are working for Art at the Beachcliff Real Estate Company.

Mitchell admitted that he had recently served a sentence in Milan, Michigan, for fraud against the Government, which has been previously reported; that he was given six months and a fine of \$100 and started this sentence on February 20, 1936, and was given an absolute release on July 20, 1936.

The following is a description of Cornelius Neil Mitchell:

Height	-	5'9"
Weight	-	158 pounds
Eyes	-	Blue (wears glasses)
Hair	-	Dark brown
Build	-	Medium
Marital Status	-	Married
Criminal Record	-	Convicted U. S. Dist Ct., Cleveland, Ohio, 2/20/36 - fraud against the Government - 6 months, Milan, Mich.
Occupation	-	Real estate business
Residence	-	25149 Lorain Ave., N. Olmsted, O. Telephone - Westlake 175-W
Relatives	-	Father - William J. Mitchell, 3077 West Blvd. Mother - Mrs. Agnes R. Mitchell, " " " Sister - Miss Virginia Mitchell, " " " " - Miss Agnes Mitchell, " " " Wife - Lucille K. Mitchell, N. Olmsted, O. Daughter - Shirley A. Mitchell, " " "

Photograph	-	Obtained from U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan.
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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and R. T. Noonan, on September 10, 1936:

The file in this case reflects that one George Himmelstein was a former employee at the Harvard Club and there is some information to the effect that during the winter of 1935 Himmelstein was running a gambling establishment on Broadway in Cleveland, and that Art Hebebrand got in touch with the marshal in the particular suburb and ordered that Himmelstein be put out of business, this information being the result of telephone tap.

George P. Himmelstein was located at his residence, 2688 Mayfield Road, apartment 18 (CH), and was brought to the Cleveland Bureau office where he was interviewed by Agents. It is noted that Himmelstein was home when a call was made for him, but he refused to answer the call and the maid advised that he was not in, but had left and it was not known when he would return. However, the custodian of the apartment house at this address had pointed out Himmelstein's car and he was located when he came out and got in his car, Ohio license #BV 950.

Himmelstein stated that at the present time he is operating the Green Road Club located between North Miles and Emory on Green Road, Warrensville, Ohio, this being about fifteen miles from downtown Cleveland. He stated that he has been in this club since September, 1934, and can only fix the date by saying that it was some time after Labor Day as he was still working on the place, fixing it up on that date. This club is not large, but will seat about 140 persons. Himmelstein stated that he was financed in this place by two reputable business men whose names he refused to reveal until near the close of the interview. These men are W. L. Smiller, from whom Himmelstein had a letter concerning some payments, and one Sitgraves, who is connected with an undertaking establishment at 7500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Himmelstein admitted that he is running a gambling resort at the present time, but only on a small scale. He also admitted that he has been in the gambling business in Cleveland for 25 years, and was formerly in big time gambling. He came here from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and is not Jewish, but German Catholic, although he has a large Jewish trade and many people think he is Jewish. During these 25 years in Cleveland he stated that he has been arrested about three times on gambling charges. In 1924 he stated he was running a gambling place on Broadway in Cleveland, and it was known as George's Place, and was also often referred to as Himmelstein's place. About

that time or perhaps a year or two later he left this place and did so because of a crusade which was then conducted against gambling in the city. He never opened this place again but went "on the bum" for about seven years or more. During those seven years he stated that he lived mostly by borrowing money from his relatives, many of whom he broke, and by working occasionally as a hustler on the streets hustling customers for gambling places, particularly racehorse bookies. After some reflection he recalled that he made a five dollar bill for working two or three days for a driver of the Harvard Club, but did not at that time go to the Harvard Club. He explained that his work was hustling customers for the club, and that he was able to get such a job because he was known as an old time gambler and was able to pick out a player on sight. During the time that he was "on the bum", Himmelstein stated that he was unable to get a job for the reason that it was known he had always operated a gambling joint, or worked in one and that as soon as he would be seen working in a place it would be labeled a gambling place which most operators do not like. It was not until September, 1934, that he was given any financial assistance. He did further state that for about two months during that seven-year period he operated a club in Bainbridge Village, Geauga County. This has not been operated for five or six years and he has allowed the village of Randall, nearby, to use this as a meeting place and for social gatherings, and made no charge therefor. Randall village now has a new village hall and this place is not used, but as a result of his allowing the use of the old club free of charge, he has made much good will and made himself many customers for his present club.

This man further stated that he at no time has engaged in the sale of liquor in any of the gambling places he has operated, and he does not sell liquor in his present place, stating that liquor and gambling do not mix. At the present time he has five employees at the Green Road Club. With reference to the Harvard Club he stated that he has only been in it once in his life. He advised that he knows both Art Hebebrand and Jimmie Patton by sight and that he knows Dan Gallagher from "the old gambling days." While it is general rumor or talk that Hebebrand, Patton and Gallagher are the owners of the Harvard Club, he stated that he does not believe Gallagher is connected with the ownership, but only works there as he, Gallagher, never had any money to put into a place like the Harvard Club. Himmelstein admitted being called before the Grand Jury and questioned concerning the gambling situation in Cleveland, as he recalled this was the latter part of 1935. He claimed not to know the setup at the Harvard Club, or the names of any of the employees, adding that the employees of the gambling joints are generally a floating type and do not stay in one place long.



During all the time that he has been operating gambling places in Cleveland (he came to Cleveland in 1914) he claims that he never paid off to anyone and no one has tried to muscle in on his business. He stated that he was never threatened with closing by any gamblers and does not pay to any of them for the privilege of operating without interference, and added that reports of payoffs in Cleveland are exaggerated as there is little of it done as far as he knows. He further stated that he never paid to any police officers for the right to run a gambling joint and is not paying to any police or sheriff at the present time, but he admitted that he has contributed to political campaign funds of both parties - he would not admit that he figured such payments amounted to payoffs, or guarantees of protection. The sheriff has never closed his present place of business in the two years that it has been operating.

George Himmelstein further stated that his present business is made up of approximately 75% to 90% women and that sometimes he does not have ten men in the place the whole evening. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the afternoon are restricted to ladies only and no men, even the husband of the women in the place, are allowed to enter. He stated that his equipment consists of a few wheels, a keno game, and a chuck-a-luck game. These are all played for small stakes, the chips being only of a nickel value and he stated that for \$2.00 worth of chips a woman can often play for an hour or more. He admitted that it made a good living for him, but no other gambler in Cleveland would be satisfied with such low stakes. He spoke often of his reputation as an honest gambler, one who had often gambled thousands of dollars in a minute and one who always paid off bets even though the collection was made months after the bet was won.

Himmelstein stated that any time he was desired for further interview he would come to the office upon request. He furnished his home telephone number as Yellownstone 4824, which is believed to be an unlisted number, and the number of his club is Montrose 5. He also stated that his employees at the club are under instructions not to let anyone in there who is not known, and a call there might result in Agents being refused admission.

The following is a description of George Himmelstein, as obtained from personal observation:

Age	-	45-50 years
Height	-	5'8"
Weight	-	185 pounds
Eyes	-	Very blue
Hair	-	Brown, nearly bald in front
Complexion	-	Medium ruddy

Teeth	-	Right rear upper teeth gold, upper left eyetooth missing.
Marital Status	-	Married - no children
Criminal Record	-	By own admission - arrested about three times for gambling.

It is noted that Himmelstein was unable to identify photographs of Alvin Karpis, the Barkers, Harry Campbell, Harry Sawyer, or any of their women as having frequented his place, or being known to him.

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670 In an effort to locate the residence of "Sharkey" Gorman, Special Agent John E. Brennan made inquiry at [REDACTED] but found no record of any person so named later than 1928. There is no such person listed in the city or telephone directories. Interview was had with Chief Inspector Joseph Sweeney of the Cleveland Police Department, who stated that he recalled a prize fighter by this name, but had not heard of him for some time; that he would get in touch with an informant, who grew up on the west side, and see if he could get Gorman's address. He was later interviewed and stated that Gorman did live at 2520 Detroit Avenue, but had moved from there; that while living at this address his sister, who worked at the May Company, a department store, had this address. Check of the 1934 city directory revealed that John F. Gorman, wife, Mary T., and Agnes Gorman, lived at 2520 Detroit Avenue, apartment 18. No forwarding address was on file at the delivery section of the post office. Inquiry was made at Danhy Dunn's gymnasium, where Gorman is well known, but no one was found who had his home address. Inquiry was also made of the building manager and several occupants at 2520 Detroit, but Gorman had not left a forwarding address when he moved a year and one-half ago. At the employment office of the May Company, a record was found of one Mary Gorman residing at 1790 West 52nd Street. At this address interview was had with Mary Gorman, wife of Anthony Gorman, who stated that she is an aunt of John F. Gorman; that she only sees him at a wake, has not seen him for more than a year, and does not know his address; that his correct name is John, but he is known as "Sharkey", this being the first name of his deceased father. Mrs. Mary Gorman referred Agent to Mike Gorman, an uncle of John, who was located at 4706 Clinton Avenue. Mike and his son, Luke, were both interviewed, but could furnish no information as to the home address of John.



At the Board of Education a record was found of one Henrietta Gorman, residing at 1968 West 30th Street, with her five children. She stated that she is distantly related to John Gorman, but has not seen him for several years and does not know where he lives. Special Agents S. K. McKee and John E. Brennan again called at the apartment of the building manager of 2520 Detroit and talked to the wife of the manager. She recalled that John and Agnes Gorman moved from apartment 18 about one and one-half years ago and that they were quite friendly with the Sturnuscha family, who live in apartment 19. Gorman's address was secured from a young girl living in apartment 19, as 6202 Franklin Avenue. This was found to be an apartment building and the names of Gorman and Connolly were on the mail box of apartment two. Special Agent Brennan talked to an elderly woman in this apartment, who was found to be the mother of "Sharkey" Gorman, and was informed that Sharkey had gone to the dentist's to have sixteen teeth removed and most likely would not work that night. She was informed that Agent was a friend of a friend of Sharkey's, who would be in town, but that one day, and if he did not get in touch with Sharkey that night he would see him on the next trip. Mrs. Gorman inquired if Tip O'Neil had sent Agent, and was told that one of the boys at the place had given the address. Inspector E. J. Connelley instructed that in view of the condition of Gorman that interview with him be deferred until a later date.

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On September 10, 1936, Agents Fitzgerald and Noonan made inquiry for the purpose of locating a former employee of the Harvard Club whose name has been referred to as Ross Graham. The local directory shows this party under the name of Ross A. Graham with the address 12227 Clifton Boulevard. Inquiry was made at this address of F. C. Biszanta, manager of the apartment, and he stated that one William A. Graham had resided there on two different occasions. His records showed that he occupied Suite 19, at this address from July 1, 1933, to March 27, 1934, and that he returned again on February 10, 1935, and left February 1, 1936. Mr. Biszantz thought that this man had been there on three different occasions, but was unable to locate any other record of where he lived at this address. He stated that he knew little about this man's employment, but did know that he went to work each day about two or three P. M. and did not return until about two or three A. M., and then stayed in his apartment most of the day. On one occasion when there was a gambling crusade on in Cleveland, Graham left town and went to Chicago for a short time. Mr. Biszantz also stated that when the Harvard Club was raided in January, 1936, he made the remark to his brother, owner of this apartment building, that it would not be long before Graham would be moving, and it was only a few

days thereafter that Graham gave notice that he was vacating the apartment. At the time he left a forwarding address for his wife at Waltham Street, Calumet City, Illinois, and Mr. Biszantz had had some information that that was the address of Mrs. Graham's parents, and she once went there during the illness of one of her relatives.

Mr. Biszantz described Graham as about 28 to 30 years of age, 5'8" in height, 150 pounds, dark hair, usually worn slicked down, neat dresser, married, and has one child, believed to be a girl.

Inquiry was made at the Lakewood post office station through W. H. Hyle, Assistant Superintendent, who produced a forwarding address for R. A. Graham from 12227 Clifton Boulevard to 1 West Waltham Street, Calumet City, Illinois, dated February 4, 1936. It was noted that a similar forwarding address appeared under date of March 27, 1934, from the same place for Ross A. Graham.

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Inspector Frank Story of the Cleveland Police Department was interviewed at the Fifth Precinct on September 11, 1936, by Special Agents J. E. Brennan and S. K. McKee with regard to further efforts on his part to persuade the police officer who had contact with the Harvard Club representative on the morning of September 6, 1934, to furnish information to us. He advised that he had again seen this party and he had admitted that he received a telephone call from a person at the Harvard Club and later met this party and was told that the three women were "hot paper", but he said that his efforts to get this officer to talk with us were without avail. He advised that the officer in question has political connections and because of this tie-up he is closely aligned with both Hebebrand and Patton on the west side; that these men have implicit faith in the officer; and, that if he betrayed the alleged confidence which has been placed in him he would be ruined. Inspector Story was asked if the officer in question was Captain Emmett Potts and he replied that he would not answer the question in either the affirmative or negative. It was hoped that there might have been some reaction on the part of Inspector Story through which some idea concerning the officer in question might have been gained, but this was not the case. Inspector Story was then advised that it was Agents' assignment to "get at the bottom" of the harboring situation here and that if it became necessary to step on toes in order to do so that we would have to do that, and would have no apologies to make. He was given to understand very thoroughly that we intend to do everything possible in order to ascertain the identity of the officer who made contact

with the party from the Harvard Club.

Inspector Story inquired if Agents had interviewed Inspector Cody concerning the situation at police headquarters, in so far as the alleged tipoff and arrest of the three women was concerned, and he was informed that we had talked with Cody. He then asked if Cody had said anything as to the police officer in question meeting the person from the Harvard Club, and he was advised that he had not. Story then stated that if that was the case that he had nothing to say other than that he was working under the supervision of Cody and naturally reported everything to him. In view of these remarks it is deemed appropriate to talk further with former Inspector Cody, inasmuch as he apparently has not told us everything he knows concerning this matter.

Agents inquired of Inspector Story as to his understanding of the alleged tipoff telephone call from police headquarters to the Harvard Club following the arrests of the women through which the gang was able to escape. He advised that he had been told that the call had been made by Joe Jacobs, now deceased, and that this information had been told him by Lieutenant Barney Wolf. He stated that Jacobs was very friendly with both Hebebrand and Patton; that he trusted them and would not hesitate to go to them for information. It was the opinion of Inspector Cody that Jacobs called the Harvard Club, if he in fact did so, for the sole purpose of obtaining information as to the identities of the three women who were under arrest. Later interview will be had with Lieutenant Wolf.

The attitude of Inspector Story is apparently one of frankness. He will either answer a question directly or will advise that for some reason he cannot answer. During the several interviews had with him he has not hedged or pretended that he did not know anything concerning a particular situation. The possibility of arranging with Safety Director Ness to obtain data as to the officer from Story is being considered.

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Special Agents A. Paul Kitchin and C. E. Smith interviewed Mrs. Joseph Jacobs, widow of Detective Joe Jacobs, and questioned her as to any statements made by her husband during the time he had worked on the Karpis case, while assigned to the Detective Bureau of the Cleveland Police Department, and she stated that one night her husband had called her up and told her that he had to work all night and would not be home. Later, after the identity of the three women had been ascertained, Mrs. Jacobs stated that her husband was very incensed about the whole case and remarked that some S of B at headquarters had sent them on a bad tip. Mrs. Jacobs stated that her husband had always felt that the men had been tipped off before the police could arrive at the house, and he often stated that if the men had not left when they did, he and his partner would have been killed, and never knew what happened. Mrs. Jacobs was questioned as to whether her husband had ever stated whom he suspected of giving the tipoff and she stated that she had asked her husband, but he replied that she had too big a mouth and refused to tell her. Continuing, Mrs. Jacobs did state that her husband had advised her that when they finally located the house and entered it, food was cooking on the stove and the receiver of the telephone was off the hook.

Mrs. Jacobs was requested to keep her ears open and in the event she heard anything relative to the case, to immediately contact the Cleveland Bureau office, to which she agreed.

Mr. Albert Jacobs, United States Deputy Marshal, and brother of Detective Joe Jacobs, deceased, was also interviewed, and he stated that his brother had not discussed the case with him other than to remark that in his opinion someone had tipped the gang off that the women were arrested, however, he advised that his brother had never given him any idea as to the identity of the person whom he suspicioned.

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Special Agent C. E. Smith interviewed Chief George Matowitz of the Cleveland Police Department relative to the missing police matrons' book, which would set forth the time and date that Gladys Sawyer, Wynona Burdette and Paula Harmon were placed in jail and he was advised that Agent had checked the Women's Bureau, the jail, and the general booking window, however, he had been unable to locate same. Chief Matowitz immediately contacted Sergeant Bartunek, jailor, and ordered him to his office, and told him to immediately start searching for the missing book and turn same over to Agent when he found it. Sergeant Bartunek checked the matrons' office and then

interviewed Miss Hazel Witt, in charge of the Women's Bureau, as to whether her Bureau had taken the book, and she advised that she had made a search for same some time ago when requested to do so by Miss Weber, matron, (Miss Weber had previously made this request in the presence of Agent Smith.) but was unable to find same.

Policewoman Sergeant Schuler then advised Sergeant Bartunek that she had had the occasion to make a report to the chief relative to the three women and at that time she had gone to the matrons' office and secured the book, and while in the matrons' office copied the information requested by the chief, but had not taken the book from the matrons' office. At this point Sergeant Schuler picked up a book from the base of the telephone stand and asked Sergeant Bartunek if that was the missing book. Investigation by the sergeant revealed that it was. Agent examined the book and noted that Ethel Matterson, Wynona Walcott and Gladys Sawyer were admitted to the jail on September 5, 1934 at 6:15 P. M. by matron Mollie Bartelheim.

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Mrs. Cecelia Heidinger, 3109 West 95th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, was interviewed at the Cleveland office on September 12, 1936, by Special Agent S. K. McKee, relative to her knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the detention of Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harmon, and Wynona Burdette at the city jail in September, 1934, inasmuch as her name appears on the police records as the policewoman assigned to the investigation following the arrests by Policewoman Wilcox. Mrs. Heidinger advised she has been employed as a policewoman for the past five years. She is thirty-four years of age, five feet two and one-half inches in height, weighs one hundred and ninety pounds, has brown eyes and dark brown hair, which she wears bobbed and parted on the side.

Photographs of the three women were displayed to Mrs. Heidinger and she advised they are the pictures of the three women concerned in the investigation made by her. She stated she was assigned on the case on the morning following the arrests of the women and the small child, and that the purpose of investigation made by her was to ascertain the identity of the child. She said she talked with the child and learned her name to be Francine Sawyer, and that she told a story different from those related by the three women. According to Mrs. Heidinger the Sawyer woman was her mother and they had been living in a house on a street with a church where weddings and funerals were held and where burials were made in the churchyard.

The child said her home was in St. Paul, Minnesota, and that her father ran a "joint" in St. Paul. Mrs. Heidinger advised that she interviewed all three of the women on several occasions, but obtained nothing from them except lies. She stated that she finally wired the Children's Bureau at St. Paul and learned the child's name to be Francine Saugman and that she had been adopted by the Sawyers.

It was the statement of Mrs. Heidinger that none of the three women during the course of the interviews with them made any offers of money for helping them to be released, or for taking a message to anybody on the outside. She also stated in response to questions that she had not offered to help the women in any way in return for a monetary consideration, or for any other thing of value. Mrs. Heidinger advised that the child was turned over to former Special Agent Peters of this Bureau about two days after the arrests with the understanding that she would be returned to St. Paul, Minnesota.

It was learned through Mrs. Heidinger that a policewoman is on duty at the city jail at all times. She advised that during 1934 it is her recollection that either Mrs. Emma Schuler or Miss Mercedes Hurley was assigned during the day shift; that either Miss Marion Smith or Miss Nell Hackney, both colored, were assigned on the shift running from about four in the afternoon until midnight; and that Mrs. O'Malley always worked from midnight until eight o'clock in the morning. The identities of the particular women on duty during the time Sawyer, Harmon and Burdette were brought in will be determined from the records of the Women's Bureau and they will be interviewed for any light they may be able to throw on this situation.

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Special Agents R. T. Noonan and J. B. Fitzgerald conducted investigation during the period September 5, 1936 to September 10, 1936, for the purpose of locating the women who were in jail at the police department during the period September 5, 6, 7, 1934, the names of these women being set out in report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, July 21, 1936.

Onida Gamble, colored, 3408 Cedar Road, picked up by the police on September 6, 1934, charged with violation of the liquor law. Inquiry was made at the above address and this woman was not known there. Agents talked to an Italian woman on the third floor of this



building, who, with her daughter, recalled a woman whom they knew as "Waneta", and that this woman formerly lived at this address and was picked up by the police about two years ago. Immediately after being picked up this girl moved out of this address and her present whereabouts are unknown. The daughter of this Italian woman advised that she saw the girl known as Waneta on Cedar Road, about two blocks east of 3408 on a few occasions after she moved, and suggested that this woman might be located on the corner of 36th Street and Cedar. Inquiry was made at the two houses designated by this girl but no one knew this woman. It is noted that the Italian woman talked to at 3408 Cedar Road is the one who has charge of the rental of this building.

Vera Wald, 2049 East 77th Street, picked up by the police on September 6, 1934, for investigation. She also at that time had an address of 1854 East 19th Street. Inquiry was made at 2049 East 77th Street, through Mrs. Van, manager, and it was learned that a girl by the name of Wald was picked up on the street there about two years ago when she was coming from work; that this girl was not engaged in prostitution but was picked up by mistake. While this girl has been gone for about two years, Mrs. Van advised that within the past three weeks she learned that this girl had moved to 1964 East 73rd Street, which apartment is operated by her sister-in-law Mrs. Clements.

At 1964 East 73rd Street Agents located Vera Wald, who said the correct spelling of her name is Wahl. She readily admitted that she was picked up by the police on East 77th Street, about two years ago and that at the time she was very much intoxicated. She also indicated that she was picked up on the suspicion of being a prostitute, but was able to convince the policemen that she was not such and was released. She stated that she was unable to recall any of the details of her arrest as far as naming any of those present at the police department, and she could not remember whom she saw there, the reason being that she was very much under the influence of liquor. She remarked that she was not refusing to talk and was not trying to be smart, but just could not remember. She would not tell the exact date of her arrest, making the remark that as Agents were so clever in finding her when she thought no one knew where she was residing, that we could find out if we wanted to know. It is noted that Mrs. Van, the manager of the apartment at 2049 E. 77th Street, advised that she understood this girl was working at the Torch Club, a nite club on Euclid Avenue.

Ruth Carson, 2033 E. 77th Street, picked up for investigation on September 6, 1934. At this address the manager of the apartment looked over the records for the past two years, but was unable

to find any record of this girl having been there. At a later time interview was had with Mr. Reed, former manager of 2033 E. 77th Street, and who is now manager of the apartment building at 1910 East 93rd Street, and he was unable to recall this girl. It is noted that she was alleged to be at this address at the time Mr. Reed was manager. It is noted that this girl also had another address on the police records, which was 1864 East 82nd Street. The manager of the apartment at this address could not recall this girl and did not have her name on the records.

Antoinette Mora, 2127 East 100th Street, picked up for investigation on September 6, 1934. At the above address Mrs. Conti was interviewed and stated that this girl roomed with her for a long time, but left some time ago and is now in Youngstown, Ohio. She expects this girl to return to Cleveland at some future date and when she does she will as usual call on Mrs. Conti. However, at the present time she is working in a "beer joint" in Youngstown. The location of this place was given by Mrs. Conti as follows: On the way in to Youngstown from Newcastle it is located just at a point before reaching the large bridge and almost under some large bill boards, and across from the Erie Hotel. She also stated that if not located otherwise this girl could probably be located through the DeLucia Spaghetti House on East Federal Street, where Mr. DeLucia will probably know her address.

Maxine Ames, 1962 East 79th Street, picked up by the police for investigation on September 6, 1934. Inquiry was made of the manager of the apartment house at this address and he advised that he could not recall this girl and that her name does not appear on the records. This address is the Alroy Apartment Hotel. It is noted that this girl also had an address of 3715 Prospect Avenue, and inquiry thereat is set out under investigation to locate Ruth Parker, who had a similar address.

Ruth Parker, 3715 Prospect Avenue, picked up by the police on September 6, 1934, for investigation. Inquiry was made of Mr. M. Kubu, manager of the apartment building at this address, which is the Case Apartments, and he made a search of the card record which he keeps but was unable to find any record of Ruth Parker, or Maxine Ames, both of whom are listed at this address on the police records. Mr. Kubu advised that he has been manager of this place since December, 1934, and since that time has kept a card index record of all tenants and has also made a similar record of those who were there at the time he took the place over.



Rose Reynolds, 2328 Rockwell, picked up by the police on a charge of intoxication on September 6, 1934 and released the same date. At the above address a Chinaman was found, who suggested interview with the people living in the rear. In the rear of this address a Polish woman and her daughter thought that this was possibly a woman who at one time had kept house for one Joe Judge when he lived at this address, Judge being over 70 years of age, and they promised to make inquiry for the purpose of locating Judge. The first interview was had on September 5, 1936, and these people were again interviewed on September 8, 1936, at which time they advised that they had thought this matter over and that it was not the girl who kept house for Joe Judge that they had in mind, but a woman by the name of Rose, who is married to a Mexican by the name of Dominic Penna. The girl at this address was of the opinion that she once saw a letter come addressed to this woman under the name of Rose Reynolds.

At 2120 St. Clair (rear), Agents located Mrs. Rose Penna, who stated that she formerly resided at 2328 Rockwell and moved from there to her present address in March, 1935. She stated that she was never arrested, nor at the police station. This woman impressed Agents as being truthful in her statements. She was unable to state who occupied this house at 2328 Rockwell before she moved there, but thought there were two sisters there whose names she did not know.

Wilma Hyatt, 2052 East 90th Street, picked up by the police on September 7, 1934, for investigation. After numerous calls at this address the manager and his wife were located and they stated that they both recalled a girl by the name of Hyatt being at that apartment house a couple of years ago. They were able to recall the name only and could not recall anything about the girl. A checkup was made of all the apartment rental records kept by these people for the past four years and they could not locate the name of Wilma Hyatt thereon. They stated that possibly she resided with some other people and her name did not appear on the records.

Alice Lee, colored, picked up by the police on September 5, 1934, for investigation, the addresses being 1916 Scovill and 2287 East 97th Street. At 1916 Scovill Avenue, which is located in the rear of other buildings on this street, a woman very reluctantly gave the information that this woman had left there some time the past winter and left no address, nor information as to her present whereabouts. At 2287 East 97th Street, which is a house, the woman residing there advised she moved there about September 15, 1934, and that this house was vacant at the time. She rents this house from The Cleveland Trust Company and has no further information as to the previous renters. At the neighbors, 2291 East 97th Street, it was learned that two sisters, Ida and Geneva Moore, colored, resided

there previous to the present tenants, but as they left over two years ago their present whereabouts is unknown.

Mary Davis, who was received from the county jail on September 6, 1934 by the police, had three addresses, 5616 Hough Avenue, 1877 East 59th Street, and 1717 East 55th Street, apartment 6. At 1717 East 55th Street the manager advised that this woman was there about two years ago and that he recalled the time of her arrest. His records show that she was there under the name of Mrs. E. Davis and was living with a man by the name of Mr. Davidson. She left on September 7, 1934. Within the past month the manager of this apartment house stated that he saw this girl on Payne Avenue, hustling, which was the trade she followed when she was residing at 1717 East 55th Street, and that he thought she resided in a frame house, the first one off Payne Avenue, and the next street past 30th Street, extending to the left or south as one goes toward the downtown section of Cleveland. Investigation in this vicinity revealed that this is East 27th Street, and inquiry at the frame house on the corner, and also at three others located midway in the first block, brought forth the information that this woman was unknown there. This woman was described as being slender, fairly tall, red hair, and rather attractive. It was learned that two women, one with a baby, and whose name was Marjorie, had red hair and lived with her husband at 1729 East 27th Street, her husband's name being Gifford. Another girl who has recently moved to this address also somewhat answers the description of Mary Davis. It was learned that her name is Walsh; that she is married and her husband leaves everyday for work, and that she has been at this address for only a week. This woman remains in her room all day and is never on the street. As this woman was in bed at the time of this inquiry, a neighbor made inquiry of this woman as to whether or not she knew a Mary Davis, and was advised that she did not. Inquiry was made at 1877 East 59th Street, which is a house, and the people there advised that Mary Davis resided there a short time about two years ago and that her present whereabouts is unknown. She was said to have a cousin, a dark-haired girl who was working at a beer parlor on 66th and Superior. At this place inquiry was made of the proprietor and his wife, Polish people, and both stated that they did not know the address of this girl, other than that it was on East 49th Street, between Payne and Superior. They stated that this girl had not worked for them for the past month, but they hoped to get her back again. They stated her first name was Emma, but claimed not to know her last name. She is said to reside with her parents and to have many brothers and sisters. These people did not know a Mary Davis. At 5616 Hough Avenue, another address of this woman, Mary Davis, the manager of this house stated that no Mary Davis resided there and had not for the past year that he has been manager. He was unable to furnish information as to the whereabouts of the previous manager of this house.

Estelle Clinton, colored, picked up by the police on September 7, 1934, on a charge of assault and battery, giving her address at the time as 2314 East 55th Street. At this address the landlady and one of the roomers, who has been there for the past fifteen months, stated that no one by that name ever lived there to their knowledge. They also advised that since they moved there in April, 1935, no one there has been arrested or been in jail. The people who formerly lived in this house and rented out rooms had a fire and moved out. They were named McGee, colored, and their present whereabouts is not known. Since this house was remodeled and rebuilt after the fire no Estelle Clinton has ever been there.

Christian Thomas and Josephine House, both colored, picked up by the police on September 7, 1934, for investigation, residence 2369 East 40th Street. Inquiry was made at this place of the janitor, Mr. Langman, white, this residence being in the colored district, and he stated that he has been there a year and that no person by the above names have been there during that time. At that time he suggested that one Rose, residing in suite #1, be interviewed as she had been there for many years and also suggested interview with Booker T. Faust, or his wife in suite #2, as they had been there for a number of years. Both of these suites were empty on September 8, 1936, when visited by Agents, but on September 9, 1936, Agents located Mrs. Booker T. Faust, who stated that she could not recall any persons by those names who had lived at this address, but did say that so many colored girls came there for a short time and left that she did not know the names of half of them. At suite #1 inquiry was made for the women known as Rose, and two young negro girls came to the door and were immediately recognized by Agent Fitzgerald as those who had invited him in at this address, as set forth in report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, August 18, 1936, page 37. It is noted that on the occasion these girls spoke to Agent Fitzgerald they offered to do anything for one dollar, and even offered to get a white girl. When at this place on September 9, 1936, inquiry was immediately made for Rose, and Agents were invited in and Rose, who was asleep on a couch was pointed out. After considerable questioning she admitted she knew a girl by the name of Josephine House, but that she never lived at this address and that she did not know where Josephine House was not located. It was obvious that this woman knew considerable more about this girl than she was willing to tell as she asked many times what she was wanted for. In an effort to secure the location of Josephine House from this woman known as Rose, Agents informed her that it was known she was operating a house of prostitution and that should the police know of this they might make trouble for her, whereupon she berated the police in no uncertain terms, cursing and using foul

language as to the police, particularly Officer Jones, colored, who is in that district. She stated that no policeman could arrest her and take her to jail. She was apparently under the impression that either Officer Jones or the janitor, Langman, had given the information that she was operating a bawdy house.

Irene Brenner, picked up on September 7, 1934, by the police for investigation. This woman at the time had two addresses, 1850 East 85th Street, and 4506 Euclid. At 1850 East 85th Street, the manager of this apartment house, who had been there only three months, advised that he thought a girl by that name once resided there and that she had some furniture stored in a garage in the neighborhood. The owner of the apartment, Sam Krause, had advised him of this fact. He also thought that this was the woman the police had been making inquiry for about a month ago. The following day inquiry was made of William Krause and his brother, sons of Sam Krause, and all of whom reside at 8902 Kempton Road, and they advised that the woman who had furniture stored in a garage in the neighborhood was one Mrs. B. Sawyer, and that the police had been making some inquiry for her about a month or six weeks ago. Efforts were then made to find 4506 or 4606 Euclid Avenue, and it was found that no such addresses exist. Later, while making inquiry at 1830 East 19th Street, Mrs. Barker, who is operating that building with her sister, Mrs. Plunkett, remarked that they also had a place at 4806 Euclid Avenue. When questioned, she stated that she did have an Irene Brenner there for about two or three weeks about two years ago; that this girl lived there with another girl, both of whom claimed they were waitresses. A police officer told Mrs. Barker that this girl was a street girl and they later picked her up. According to Mrs. Barker this girl then left town and went back to her home which is either in Dayton or Cincinnati, Ohio. It was also her recollection that this girl moved to 4806 Euclid from some address out in the vicinity of East 85th Street. She was unable to furnish any additional information concerning this girl.

Dorothy Lewis, picked up by the police on September 7, 1934, for investigation, at which time she gave the address of 2043 East 77th Street, and either 2014 or 8014 Carnegie Avenue. The manager of the apartment house at 2043 East 77th Street did not recall any one by the name of Dorothy Lewis and also advised that she kept no record of any tenants who moved out. It was determined also upon interview that a Male. Dorothy Lewis operating a colored beauty parlor at 2268 East 55th Street, but this was not the Dorothy Lewis in question.

Dorothy Lewis was located at 8012 Carnegie Avenue, suite #1. She stated that she was picked up late the night of September 7, 1934, between eleven P. M. and midnight, and taken to the police station.

and the next day was sent to the workhouse, she recalling distinctly that she went to the workhouse on September 8, 1934. She stated that she did not recall any of the other women who were in jail at the time and added that she has been picked up a couple of times since that arrest. She was shown the photographs of Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdette, and Mrs. Sawyer, but was unable to recognize any of them. She was also questioned as to her knowledge of the arrest of these three women and the five year old girl in September, 1934, at the Cleveland Hotel, and she stated that she had never heard of this arrest and had not seen any account of it in the newspapers. This woman's attitude was one of friendliness and apparent cooperation.

Kleanore Baudrey, previously reported as Kleanore Benntry, who was picked up on a charge of intoxication on September 7, 1934, and was released, was located at the Finnish Hall (also known as the Independent Workers Hall) on the corner of Franklin and West 25th Street, through the assistance of her husband, who resides at 1547 West 28th Street, the address appearing for this woman on the police records. At the address where she was located this woman is assisting her parents in taking care of this hall and they live therein. She stated that she was picked up for being drunk at her some time early in September, 1934, about three A. M. in the morning, and was released the same date about ten A. M. when her husband came after her. She immediately identified the photograph of Mrs. Harry Sawyer as the woman who was in jail on the date she was there, and who was with her and a tall blonde girl in a room "where the beds were", and not in where the rest of the women prisoners were held. The blonde girl was being held on some charge of obtaining goods fraudulently on a charge account and she did not know what charge Mrs. Sawyer was being held on. It is noted that her identification of Mrs. Sawyer was instantaneous, but she was unable to recognize Paula Harmon or Wynona Burdette. She stated however, that she did not see any others who were in jail. This girl stated that she did not recall the incident of the arrest of the three women in the Cleveland Hotel in September, 1934, and did not see any account of it in the newspapers. The woman whom she identified as Mrs. Sawyer did not make any statement about herself, where she came from, and did not ask about any child, and Mrs. Baudrey does not recall her leaving her room at any time that she was there, which was for a period of about seven hours. She did recall that the blonde girl was taken out for a while on one occasion and returned to the room, but she could not now recall any other details. She also stated that she did not hear any talk about any women being picked up, who had a lot of jewelry and money of them about that time.



Florence Gerhardt, 743 East 128th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, came to the Cleveland office at the request of Agents Noonan and Fitzgerald and was interviewed by Special Agent S. K. McKee on September 5, 1936. She is twenty-nine years of age, blonde and her married name is Dille. She advised she works from time to time in sales and demonstration lines, but is not employed presently. She admitted having been arrested during the afternoon of September 7, 1934 by the Cleveland police for obtaining goods under false pretenses, the details being that she charged merchandise at Halle's department store to a married man with whom she was intimate, and this man repudiated both the debt and acquaintanceship with her. She was held at the city jail for five days, being eventually placed on probation for one year. She stated that this was the only time she was ever arrested. Photographs of Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harmon, and Wynona Burdette were displayed to her, but she could not recognize any of them as women she had seen while confined in the jail. She stated that she was quite upset and mortified by her arrest and that while in jail she kept to herself. She said that nobody approached her and asked that she get in touch with anybody on the outside, and that she was treated like any other prisoner by the jail matrons. This woman apparently made an honest effort to be helpful in this matter. It is to be noted that she was only admitted to the jail on the afternoon of the day the three women in question were released.

This may possibly be the blonde girl referred to by Eleanore Baudrey.

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The following interview was conducted and reported by Special Agent S. K. McKee:

Dorothy Stallworthy, age 31 years, colored, 3769 Woodland Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, appeared at the Cleveland office for interview on September 8, 1936, in response to request of Agents Fitzgerald and Noonan. She advised that she is employed on a WPA project at 1270 Ontario Street. According to police records she was arrested on September 6, 1934, for petty larceny and was in the city jail during a portion of the time the three women involved in this inquiry were confined in the city jail. In response to questions she advised that she was arrested a couple of years ago, during hot weather, for shoplifting; was taken to the city jail in the afternoon and on the following morning was arraigned in court and given a probationary sentence of one year. This woman could not fix the date of her arrest, but did state that she has only been arrested on one occasion. She advised

that she was not placed in a cell at the jail, but was put in a room with a bed in it. She said that she saw other women while in jail but did not pay any attention to them and does not recall what they looked like. She was shown photographs of Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdette, as well as pictures of the various police matrons and policewomen, but she could not identify any of them. In response to questions she stated that she did not hear anything about any gangsters wives being in the jail while she was there. She also stated that she was not asked to take any message or note out of the jail, and that she did not hear any conversations in which any such request was made.

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Investigation is being continued to locate others who were held at the police department, Women's Bureau, during the time Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdette, and Mrs. Harry Sawyer were there.



The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent  
A. Paul Kitchin:

Due to the fact that the reports on this matter do not show any extensive investigation in the vicinity of the residences occupied by the Karpis-Barker mob while they were living in Cleveland, this agent was requested by Agent S.K. McKee to re-interview the neighbors of the Sawyers and Fred Barker and Paula Harmon at the time they lived at 4419 West 171st Street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Willard, 4423 West 171st Street, who were living next door to the above mentioned members of the mob, were re-interviewed, at which time they were shown all of the recent photos of the mob at present in the possession of the Cleveland Office. From the above mentioned photos, they both identified the following as having been seen at 4419 West 171st Street by them:

William Harrison  
Wynona Burdette  
Harry Sawyer  
Harry Campbell (early photo but couldn't identify the late photo)  
Fred Barker  
Paula Harmon  
Gladys Sawyer  
Art Hebebrand  
Milton Lett  
Joseph P. Moran

With reference to the above identifications, Willard stated that at the time he saw Art Hebebrand at the above mentioned address, that Art was with Milton Lett and that they only visited once. When questioned as to this identification, he was evasive to being positive and it is thought that due to the fact that Willard has recently been in St. Paul to testify in this case and the fact that he has received some publicity in the neighborhood, he is overly anxious to identify anyone in connection with this case. In this connection, it should be noted that he could not identify the photographs of Alvin Karpis.

Willard stated that he never had any lengthy conversation with anyone at the above address but that on one occasion he endeavored to engage one of the men in conversation, but when it was apparent to him that this man did not desire to be friendly with him, he subsequently avoided the entire crowd. He also stated that on the day of the air races, several men and the three women were out on the porch and in the street watching the races and at this time there were at least six or seven men in the crowd. He stated that he knows C.N. Mitchell, but that he never saw Mitchell at the address above referred to while this mob was residing there.

Willard became very interested in the fact that an agent had again called upon him and that it was a likelihood that he may be again called to testify in this case. However, this agent made no statement whatsoever relative to the probability of him having to again testify, but the actions and statements of Willard showed that his interest in this matter has grown into a complex.

Mrs. Olive Rowe, 4418 West 171st Street, stated that she recalled the time that the "kidnappers" lived at 4419, which is directly across the street from her residence. She stated that she did not get acquainted with any of these people but that she had observed them on several occasions from a distance. She identified the photographs of Paula Harmon and Gladys Sawyer but could make no further identifications. Mrs. Rowe volunteered the information that it is the rumor in the community that both of the Mitchells are crooked and that she "would not be surprised if they knew to whom they were renting". She also stated that it was the gossip that the Mitchells were in some way connected with a gambling establishment in Newburgh Heights, but that this was only rumor and she could not state where same originated. Mrs. Rowe stated that she also recalled the day of the air races and that there must have been at least six men and two or three women at the house on this date.

Mrs. Margaret Shaefer, 4426 West 171st Street, was interviewed at which time she stated that she recalled the people who resided at 4419, but that she never paid any attention to them and, therefore, she is positive that she could not identify any of them even if seen in person. The photos were exhibited to her but she could not make any identifications whatsoever. She stated that she knew C.N. Mitchell, the young Mitchell, but that she had no recollection of having seen him at the above mentioned address when the mob was residing there.

Mrs. Carrie Pohlman and her husband, Fred Pohlman, were both interviewed, at which time they identified the following as having been seen by them at 4419:

Alvin Karpis  
Wynona Burdette  
Gladys Sawyer  
Paula Harmon

Fred Barker  
Harry Campbell  
John Brock

Mr. Pohlman stated that on the day of the air races, he was returning home and stopped in front of the above mentioned address, at which time several men were out in the front of the house and two or three were playing with a ball out in the street; that he stopped and watched some of the maneuvers in the air, at which time he was standing within two feet of a tall, slender man who was wearing dark blue, pleated trousers that were very high waisted. He positively identified the photograph of John Brock as the man to whom he refers.

Mr. Pohlman also stated that about two nights after the women were arrested and the mob had left 171st Street, a man who, he states, greatly resembles the photo of Art Hebebrand, drove up in front of 4419 and left a woman sitting in his small coupe, which, he states, was either a Ford or a Chevrolet automobile; that this man walked about half way up the front walk and then turned to the girl and made some gesture as if to say no one was at home; that he then returned to his car and drove away. Pohlman stated that he obtained the license number of this car and turned it over to some detective whom he saw about two or three days later. He stated that he has no idea who the detectives were and could not remember whether or not it was a plain-clothes man or a uniformed officer to whom he gave this license number. He stated that the photo of Hebebrand greatly resembles this man but that he could not be positive due to the fact that it was about dusk and, therefore, the features of the man were not very distinguishable. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pohlman stated that C.N. Mitchell visited the house on one occasion, at which time he brought a lawn mower to one of the men and did not go into the house but only stayed about two or three minutes. They stated that this is the only time that they saw Mitchell at the address while this mob was occupying same.

Edward Schneider, 17006 Puritas Road, who operates a filling station at this address, such station being on the corner of 171st Street and Puritas Road, stated that he recalls when the women who lived at 4419 West 171st Street, were arrested and that he also recalled that on one occasion one of the women, whom he identifies as Paul Harmon, came to his station and bought a gallon of naptha gasoline. He stated that he could not identify any of the others as he does not recall having seen them except when they would pass his place in an automobile; that they never bought any gasoline for their machines from him. He was questioned relative to furnishing the key to the premises to one of the women, at which time he stated he could not recall having furnished the key to anyone of the mob, but stated that it is possible that he could have done so, due to the fact that he at one time worked for the Mitchell Real Estate Organization and frequently, if there is a vacant house in the immediate neighborhood belonging to the Mitchells, C.N. Mitchell, whom he knows very well, will leave the key to such house with him in order to preclude the necessity of having to accompany prospective tenants from the office to such vacant house. He also stated that he does not recall that C.N. Mitchell ever visited the house that was being occupied by this mob. He stated that he could not recall anything relative to this key.

Wade Howard, nephew of Mrs. Klinger, 4415 West 171st Street, stated that the Klingers are at present in Rochester, New York, on a visit and that they would return to Cleveland the latter part of the week. He stated that during 1934 when the premises next door were occupied by the mob, he was in the CCC camp and, therefore, would not be able to identify anyone except from the photos that he observed in the newspapers of Karpis, et al.

Thru general inquiries from the above persons interviewed, it was ascertained that the "Maddersons" probably traded at the Independent Food Store and at the Meat Market, located next to this Store.

Mr. and Mrs. A. McMurtrie, proprietors of the Independent Food Store, 4359 Rocky River Drive, stated that they recall that subsequent to the publicity in the newspapers relative to the arrest of the women who resided on 171st Street, they recall that some of the parties traded at their store. They stated that they could not identify anyone of the parties as they paid no particular attention to any of them at the time they were in the community.

J.H. Coch, Jake's Market, 4361 Rocky River Drive, stated that he recalled a man and woman who bought choice meats from him during a short period immediately previous to the publicity received by the women as a result of their arrest. He was shown the photo and he identified the photo of Harry Sawyer as being the man who purchased expensive cuts of meats from him and partially identified the photo of Gladys Sawyer as being the woman who accompanied this man. He also stated that on one occasion he recalls that they were accompanied by a little girl who looked to be about ten years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. William Alinger, 4415 West 171st Street, were both interviewed by this agent and Agent C.E. Smith. They both identified the following persons as having resided at the instant address but both stated that they were positive that no one who resembled the photos of Harry Sawyer and Fred Barker ever even visited the place during the time same was occupied:

Gladys Sawyer  
Paula Harmon  
Wynona Burdette

Alvin Karpis  
Harry Campbell

Both of these people stated that they know both of the Mitchells but they never recall seeing either of them at 4419 during the time that the mob was living there. They could neither identify the photo of Shimmy Patton nor Art Hebebrand as having ever been seen by them.

At the Northern Ohio Dry Cleaners, 4049 Rocky River Drive, it was ascertained that J.C. Harris covers the territory in which is located 171st Street.

J.C. Harris stated that he has been covering the above route for the past five years but that he never took any orders personally from the people that were living at 4419 West 171st Street. He stated that Russell Day, a driver at this cleaning establishment, had made pick-ups and deliveries to the above address and that Day had been interviewed on one or more occasions, by Captain Story of the Cleveland Police Department. Efforts to locate Day have thus far been unsuccessful.

Harris informed this agent that his wife is at present employed at the Lakeside Hospital and that she was in charge of the department to which Paula Harmon was committed at the time she was taken to the Hospital, shortly after her arrest by the Cleveland police. He stated that his wife had stated to him that when this woman was brought to the Hospital, she had numerous pieces of jewelry. It is thought advisable to interview Mrs. Harris at the Lakeside Hospital for such information as she may possess that may throw some light on the possible presence at that time of the bracelet which is alleged to be missing since the women were taken to the city jail in September 1934.

At the William J. Mitchell Organization, 13029 Lorain Avenue, this agent ascertained from William J. Mitchell that this organization keeps no records of the rentals of their properties except a duplicate receipt for the payment of the rent and a tickler sheet covering each year as to whether on the respective months the tenants are behind in their rent.

After a search of the book of duplicate receipts for the year 1934, there was found a receipt signed by C.N. Mitchell for \$40.00, dated August 16, 1934. This receipt was made out to John E. Madderson (this name is barely legible and it may be Maddorson) for rent of premises located at 4419 West 171st Street from date to September 20, 1934.

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Ruth Ross, colored, 2433 St. Clair Street, Cleveland, Ohio, was reinterviewed by Special Agent J. B. Fitzgerald relative to the "blonde girl" who was in the Cleveland City Jail with her on September 6, 1934. Ruth, at first, was very reluctant to give any further information about this blonde, stating that she is not sure this is the same girl that was in jail with her, but then consented to get this girl's name and the number of the table she works at on a WPA sewing project. Later when Agent contacted Ruth Ross she handed to him a card with the name Julia Latico, table #14, written thereon, stating that she thought this to be the girl who was in jail at the same time she was in September, 1934, but was not at all positive of it. She stated that she thought she had cooperated far enough in this matter and did not want to be interviewed again concerning same.

Julia Latico, 5809 Curtis Street, Cleveland, Ohio (suite 10) was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent R. T. Noonan at 1227 Ontario Street, Cleveland, which is a WPA sewing project. She stated that she was not in the Cleveland City Jail in September, 1934, or at any other time and further stated that she never was arrested and has never been in any jail either as a prisoner or a visitor, or otherwise. She said that any persons who think they saw her in jail are mistaken. Miss Latico impressed Agents as being truthful in her statements, willing to cooperate, but not the blonde girl being sought for interview.

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Mrs. Margaret Dunn, 18113 Flamingo Avenue, who resides next door to 18109 Flamingo Avenue, at which number Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney resided in June, 1934, using the alias Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Milgreth, was interviewed by Special Agent C. E. Smith and she advised that it was her recollection that the young couple whose names she never knew, had resided next door for a period of about three weeks at which time they moved. During the time that Karpis and Delaney resided next door to her, Mrs. Dunn stated that they had very little company and on the whole appeared to be very quiet and reserved. Mrs. Dunn further advised that upon renting the house, which was owned by the Mitchell Realty Company, new furniture had been placed in the house, however, she was unable to advise Agent from what stores the furniture had been delivered. Continuing, Mrs. Dunn stated that on one occasion a party had been held at the house next door and one of the persons present had driven over her hedge and ruined it and Karpis had agreed to pay for the damage, but had not.

Mrs. Dunn was unable to identify any photographs of any of the Karpis crowd, nor could she furnish Agent with the description of any cars or persons seen visiting with Karpis. Mrs. Dunn advised that her mother, who had previously been interviewed by Agents of the Bureau had died about five months ago.

The records of the William J. Mitchell Organization, 13029 Lorain Avenue, were checked by Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and C. E. Smith and it was noted that a rent receipt for \$50.00 was executed on June 8, 1934, reflecting that H. G. Milgreth had paid that amount for one month's rent, starting June 10, 1934, to H. B. Stoughton, representative of the Mitchell organization for the premises at 18109 Flamingo Avenue. Mr. Stoughton is presently employed by the Foder Realty Company, 3324 Lorain Avenue, and he will be interviewed in the near future, for any information he may have in his possession relative to the circumstances surrounding the renting of the house at 18109 Flamingo Avenue to Karpis.

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Mr. Jesse Vandersluis, 18108 Flamingo Avenue, who resides directly opposite the house formerly occupied by Karpis and Dolores, was interviewed by Special Agent C. E. Smith and he advised that he had not paid much attention to the occupants of the house, stating that he recalled his wife's stating that she thought they were a newly married couple inasmuch as new furniture from several different stores had been delivered to the house. Numerous photographs of the various members of the Karpis gang were exhibited to Mr. Vandersluis, however, the only one he could identify was that of James Wilson, whom he advised was working around the yard when he happened to pass.

Mrs. J. Vandersluis was interviewed and she furnished the same information as her husband, however, she could only identify the photograph of Dolores Delaney as the woman who lived across the street. Mrs. Vandersluis stated that a Mrs. Mamere, who lived at 18100 Flamingo Avenue had been rather friendly with Mrs. C. N. Mitchell who had resided at 18105 Flamingo Avenue at the time Karpis resided at 18109 Flamingo Avenue, and she recalled that Mrs. Mamere had told her at one time that Mrs. Mitchell stated that a gang of kidnapers had resided next door to them (Mitchells.)

Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Vandersluis was able to advise Agent of the identity of any of Karpis' visitors, nor the make of type of automobiles which were seen around the house.



Mrs. E. Mamere, 18100 Flamingo Avenue was interviewed by Special Agent C. E. Smith and she stated that she was able to recall the approximate time that the house located at 18109 Flamingo Avenue had been rented by Karpis and Delaney, stating, however, that she thought it was some time during the summer of 1934. Numerous photographs of various members of the Karpis gang were exhibited to Mrs. Mamere and she identified the photograph of Dolores Delaney as the woman who had occupied the house; she also picked the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being somewhat similar to the man, however, she was not positive in her identification.

Mrs. Mamere was questioned as to any conversation she had with any of the Mitchells in reference to the identity of the people, who resided in their house at 18109 Flamingo Avenue, and she stated that Mrs. Mitchell had remarked that the man living there had been wanted for kidnaping. Agent questioned Mrs. Mamere very closely as to just when the conversation took place and she stated that she thought it was after the police had checked on the West 171st Street house. Mrs. Mamere was unable to recall the identity of any visitors that had called on Karpis, nor could she recall the description of any of the automobiles seen around the house.

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Mr. J. F. Guenther, and his assistant Mr. Franko, Guenther Floral Company, 3238 Lorain Avenue, voluntarily turned over to this Agent and Agent C. E. Smith, the copy of the telegram and the original invoice number 7753, which was received by them as an order to deliver \$3.00 worth of roses to Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton and card to be from T. C. Blackburn at Ocala, Florida. The above exhibits are being made a part of the Cleveland office files. Mr. Guenther stated that there was no way of ascertaining just who made the actual delivery as it was near the holidays at Thanksgiving and they had several extra delivery boys. He did state that after the roses were delivered to the Harvard Club he received a telephone call from someone at the club asking who Blackburn was. He stated that he personally knows both Hebebrand and Patton and is positive that it was neither of these individuals who made the call.

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On September 10, 1936 Special Agents S. K. McKee and J. E. Brennan made observations in the vicinity of The Beachcliff Building Company, 1324 Blount Street, Rocky River, a suburb of Cleveland, to obtain information necessary in putting in a tap on the telephone number ACademy 3697, listed to the above firm. The installation of this tap is premised on the belief that James Patton and Art Hebebrand, leading figures in this firm and potential subjects in this investigation, spend the greater portion of their time at the above office, inasmuch as they have "Shorty" Conway and "Toots" Talbot fronting for them at the Harvard Club.

Observations indicated that the telephone at this address is run to the building from a pole almost immediately in the rear; that other phones in nearby buildings are also run directly from poles to the nearby buildings where the instruments are located. The terminal box in the rear of the above address is serviced by a small cable which runs to a point in the rear of the Rocky River police station, about one-half block away, where it goes underground. The neighborhood appears to be serviced by small feeder cables. No large terminal box could be located in this neighborhood, other than one about two blocks away which appeared to service lines running in an opposite direction. Inquiry through the management of a combination office and small apartment building which adjoins the building in the which the subject phone is located, revealed that there are no vacancies in the place into which a tap line could be run. In view of the above situation it was deemed advisable to contact Walter Walker of Safety Director Ness' office in order to have him secure cable information and multiple data from his source at the telephone company. Walker was contacted by Agent McKee on September 10, 1936, and he advised that he would be glad to get the desired data and bring it to this office.

On September 11, 1936, Walter Walker contacted Agent McKee and advised that telephone ACademy 3697 is connected from pair No. 4, which shows in terminal box in the rear of 19104 Detroit Avenue. This pair appears again in terminal box in front of 1544 Wooster Avenue, under No. 754, the underground cable coming up at this point.

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With reference to the following license numbers secured by Special Agent J. E. Brennan, seen entering the parking lot of the old Harvard Club and set forth in the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, September 1, 1936, the following listings were secured by Special Agent C. E. Smith from the automobile license bureau at 709 St. Clair Street:

DU 459	Ann Yinger, 1171 Holmden Ave., Lakewood, O. 1930 Chevrolet sedan;
EK 788	Emil Hayden, 3729 West 138th Street, 1935 Ford Tudor;
FP 274	Theodore Franko, 3331 E. 113th Street, 1926 Studebaker;
FT 495	Joseph J. Zolna, 10000 State Rd., Brecksville, O., 1935 Plymouth Sedan;
GH 658	Otto Stuhleman, 2162 Clarence Ave., Lakewood, O., 1936 Buick Sedan;
HP 51	John J. Donnelly, 3846 West 123rd Street, 1936 Chevrolet Sedan;
KS 678	Andrew S. Kovalycsek, 2388 Brevier Avenue, 1929 Studebaker Coupe;
GA 580	William J. Berger, 10603 Clifton Road, 1936 Ford Tudor; (This automobile was observed delivering pin ball games on Euclid Ave., by Special Agent J. E. Brennan)
SM 786	Sam J. Lanasa, 2518 East 25th Street, 1 1/2 ton International truck (This license was noticed on a Ford truck at 4601 Harvard Ave. by Special Agent J. E. Brennan, being loaded with pin ball games.)
ET 779	A. Amersbach, 7104 Clark Avenue, 1935 Ford coupe. (This automobile was seen by Special Agent C. E. Smith parked in front of Art Hebebrand's home at 3909 W. 158th St., on September 8, 1936.)

The following investigation was made by Special Agent R. T. Noonan:

Mrs. J. H. Flower was contacted by telephone for the purpose of arranging an interview to obtain information on certain houses of prostitution which she visited in her business as saleswoman for the Bogan Silk Underwear Company. At this time she refused to make any arrangements until she had consulted her partner, a Mr. Roth, whom she said took care of the records which they kept of sales. She was very skeptical and later reported to her employer, Mr. Goldstein, according to his statement, that she thought some one was trying to muscle in on the business. When later contacted she again stated that she had no records of the places contacted and that Mr. Roth kept all the records and addresses, and that most of the places visited by them were legitimate dwelling houses. M. T. Roth, 1890 East 93rd Street, telephone Republic 2987-R, advised that when interviewed he and Mrs. Flower worked together at all times when selling the Bogan Silk products and that they covered the same territory and that he was the one who kept any written records that were kept. Concerning the houses of prostitution he stated that they did visit a number of them on Scovill, Short Scovill, and Orange Streets, and in the immediate vicinity, and they have been calling on these for some time and find them to be productive of considerable business. However, he stated, he never made any note of the addresses as he knew the places and could go there when he wanted to and in fact could not say whether or not the houses had numbers on them. He stated that there were possibly fifteen of these colored houses of prostitution that he and Mrs. Flower visited and that when they were operating it was not necessary to know the addresses as the girls would solicit openly by calling to passersby. At this point Mr. Roth produced a memorandum book which he keeps of places visited and it was noted that he had several names, such as Dorothy, Betty, Lee, Floe, and others with the names kept in various groups which he said indicated certain houses. It was noted that no addresses were placed above these names. The accounts with these girls he stated were all cash, because of the transient character of the girls they never considered it advisable to sell on time. Mr. Roth advised that while he could not furnish the addresses he could, if necessary, go out in that vicinity and point out the houses visited by him. It was noted from the description of this territory furnished by Roth that Agent Fitzgerald has been in that vicinity and made numerous notations of houses of prostitution.

Mr. Roth further advised that Sol Scholnick went to some of the supposedly better class houses of prostitution and that if he furnished the addresses of ten or twelve of them that would cover the principal ones in the downtown district. He further stated that the trade contacted by Mrs. Flower and him was in general a good class of people. Usually they go from house to house and from reference to reference, much of the time in the colored districts, but also often in the white districts. He suggested that possibly Mr. Goldstein, Sr., who has been in this business for many years, should be able to furnish some of the addresses of these houses. He further stated that for the past few days the houses of prostitution in the colored district where he often visits for the purpose of selling silks are all closed and he believed that this was due to the recent police drive wherein numerous police officers have been demoted or transferred.

Morton Goldstein, Bogan Silk Underwear Company, 210 St. Clair Street, was again contacted and at that time he stated that his father, referred to by Mr. Roth, had no further records about these houses of prostitution than Mr. Roth; that he would be able to point them out, but would not be able to give any of the addresses from records kept by him.

It is noted that Morton Goldstein, who was previously interviewed, again showed a very cooperative attitude. He stated that the business of the Bogan Silk Underwear Company during the summer months was made up of over 75% sales to houses of prostitution and to prostitutes, and that other times of the year it was at least that much. Throughout the country this company has salesman, Syrians, Greeks, negroes and others of foreign extraction, who make it a point to visit and contact the houses of prostitution. As a general rule the salesman will deny that the greater part of their business comes from such sources, Mr. Goldstein stated. The pretext used in contacting Mr. Goldstein in the first instance was that the Government was trying to locate some girls who had left or been taken from their homes and were believed to be now located in houses of prostitution and it was stated that some of these girls were from Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Goldstein stated that the Detroit salesman had been in recently and he asked him a few questions and was informed that this man knew of at least two girls who had left Detroit with their men and that possibly these were the girls sought. The name of this salesman is Sam Sasson, and he resides in a rooming house at 2977 Fullerton Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Goldstein stated that this man has a complete setup on the prostitution angle in Detroit, and could possibly name most of the houses in Detroit. This information is set out for possible future use should investigation be made at Detroit.

The following is a summary of the two telephone taps from the period beginning September 3, 1936 and ending September 13, 1936, same being summarized by Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin:

On the tap of Nate Weisenberg, this tap was changed from his residence to his office at the Mayfair Casino, which is located at 1511 Euclid Avenue, such change being made on September 3, 1936. Nothing productive has been received from this tap since its installation except on one occasion when Sergeant Gallagher of the 8th Precinct Police Station called Nate Weisenberg at the Mayfair Casino and told him the police had been ordered to pick up all of the slot machines in the eighth precinct and that he wanted to tell Nate so as to enable him to get his machines out before the police took them. One other occasion Nate, while in conversation with some unknown party, discussed politics and stated that if Barry is elected Sheriff of this county, things will be mighty tough.

On advice from Inspector E. J. Connelley, the tap on the Mayfair Casino was discontinued on September 14, 1936.

On the tap of the telephones of Ardelle Quinn, on the third, nothing happened except Nate Weisenberg was at Ardelle's place and called the Mayfair Casino and inquired if there were any calls for him. He was advised that a Mrs. Wright or Mrs. [redacted] had called and asked for him and was very anxious for him to call. It is thought that this was probably Mrs. Weis, which is the alias of Mildred Thatcher, paramour of Nate Weisenberg.

On the fourth, Ardelle called Joe Ganin and asked him to go by the Truck Drivers Union and see what he could do about getting one "George", probably a relative, a job as truck driver. She told him to see either Jimmie Artwell or Ed Murphy. It seemed that George had an opportunity to get a job with an oil company but he did not belong to the Union and Joe was to see what he could do about getting him a membership. Ardelle also called Ed Murphy at Cherry 1545 which is the headquarters of the Truck Drivers Union.

Also, on this same date, Ardelle called Garfield 1494 and talked to Jackie and made arrangements for her to come to her house to fill a date. This number is listed to Miss Jackie Coffey, 1864 E. 82nd Street, and is a prostitute.

On the fifth Ardelle called Garfield 8804, which is evidently a call house or house of prostitution due to the fact that it is an unlisted number and is in the name of Albert Close, 8117 Hough Avenue.

Ardelle called Jackie Coffey and asked for the name of the girl that Jackie had recommended to her and was told that it was Joyce Manners. She also called Beatrice at Garfield 8724, which has heretofore been reported, and asked for the girl's name that they were discussing a while back and was advised that it was Jean and that she



was in suite 301 at the Belden Hotel, Henderson 0910. On this same date some girl called Ardelle from the Auditorium Hotel and told her that she was a friend of HAROLD BRANLEY of Cleveland and Columbus and that she had a girl friend with her; that they stayed at this hotel last night but did not get any business and asked if they could come out to see her. She was told to come out and Ardelle would look them over. A girl, who is evidently identical with the girl mentioned immediately above, called Mrs. Evans at Henderson 0717 and told her she was Janice from Columbus; that she had a girl friend with her and they were both coming out. This number is listed in the name of Mrs. Edith Evans, 7102 Carnegie Avenue and is evidently a house of prostitution due to the fact that Ardelle and Mrs. Evans later had a conversation relative to business conditions.

On the sixth, Ardelle called long distance and wanted to speak to Mr. Bo Moody at the Palmer Hotel, Painesville, Ohio. While waiting for this call, Ardelle was heard to remark that "I started to call him last night -- heard that they have something on him". It was later ascertained that Moody came to Ardelle's house and stayed about three days.

On this same date, Ardelle talked to a girl by the name of Frenchy at Sally Darlings place and was informed that Sally had gone to Detroit with Nate Weisenberg. On this same date and at 11:50 p.m. a man by the name of Irving called Ardelle and told her that he was just in from Toledo and that Edith sent her regards. Ardelle asked how Johnny and everybody were getting along and also told him that she was going to Detroit before long and would stop in and see him. This is evidently the Irving that is employed at the Merchant's-Business Men's Club, a gambling club located just south of Diers Chop House, operated by Johnny Thomas, husband of Maxine Belmont, who operates the Shelby Hotel in Toledo, a known house of prostitution, both of these men being friends of Edith Barry.

On the seventh, Ardelle was called by some unknown girl and told that Suzan and Crickets were arrested and were being watched like a hawk now. She also warned Ardelle to be careful as the cops were getting tough. Ardelle stated that she was careful but that if any raid is contemplated on her house that she would be tipped off beforehand. On this same date Ardelle was called by some girl thought to be Sally Darling and was told that she just arrived back in town but that she could not see her until Wednesday.

On September eighth Ardelle sent a telegram to Miss G. Currier, 1720 S. Ervay Street, Dallas, Texas, stating "You will be needed September 18 please return promptly" signed Ardelle. A letter was immediately dispatched to the Dallas Bureau office by this office requesting that appropriate investigation be conducted and this office immediately be advised when this party left Dallas so as to enable suitable surveillance of her upon her arrival in this city.



On this same date some girl called from Ardell's to Boulevard 3122 and asked for Helen. She was informed that Helen had not returned from work yet. This may possibly be the Helen who called Ardell from Joplin, Missouri, therefore, it is thought advisable to conduct investigation in this regard and in the event that it is found that this is probably the Helen above referred to, a mail cover should be placed and such other information obtained so as to enable this office to intelligently interview her at a later date and probably make a White Slave Traffic Act case against Ardell Quinn.

On September 9, 1936, Ardell was called by Sally Darling at which time she told Sally about Suzan and the blonde, Barbara, being arrested and that she had heard they had given the police the telephone number of every call house in town. She seemed worried and stated that she had no girls staying with her at present.

On this same date Ardell called the main police station and asked for Captain Aufmuth. She stated to him that this was "your cousin" and asked him to come over to her place that night. He agreed to do this. An observation of the place of Ardell Quinn was made by Agents S. K. McAfee and J. E. Brennan, the results of which will be subsequently reported. It is noted that Nate Weisenberg was again at Ardell's place as he called Morris Haas at Michigan 3085.

Ardell, while conversing with some man, evidently a negro, relative to doing some work around the house, stated that "two of my girls are coming in Saturday a week and I want the place clean when they get here."

On September 10, 1936, Nate Weisenberg called Ardell's and talked to Mildred Thatcher. He later came out to Ardell's place as it was noted that he again called Morris Haas at which time he was advised that they had lost three machines yesterday in the 11th and 14th precincts.

On this date and subsequent dates, Ardell called and talked to Bob Larkin, who is one of the ace reporters for the Cleveland Press newspaper. She asked Larkin to ascertain some information relative to the police raids for her and he promised her that he would endeavor to do so. It is noted that Larkin visited the house of Ardell after this conversation relative to the police raids. Later on Ardell called Larkin and told him about Katherine Kerr being arrested by the police and they had found her diseased and sent her away for six weeks. She asked him to find out how she "got in bad."

On September 11, 1936, some police officer called Ardell and told her to lay low and to lay off for a while as the police are getting tough; that Savage was out and told him that her name was on the list for next week's raids. He stated that "McFarland and all of the big guys are out," and they are at present busy on Cornell Street and are going to clean up all of the places. Ardell immediately called the residence of Captain John Fleming and asked to talk to him and wanted to know if he had a private phone in his office. She finally stated to the wife of Captain Fleming that she should get in touch with her husband and have him call her back on some phone over which he could safely talk. Captain Fleming later called and Ardell related to him what was formerly told her about the raids. He stated that Savage was not a sergeant, but that he was a captain;

that he did not think the dope was right as Captain Savage was assigned to strikes, etc., and that he never was assigned to raids on houses of prostitution. She requested him to talk to Savage and get him straight with her. Captain Fleming stated that Harrold of the 11th Precinct would probably be the best man to call as he would know more about this than he did. She stated that she would call Harrold. She called precinct 11 and ascertained that Harrold would come to work at seven in the morning. Shortly after this Bob Larkin called and stated that he was coming over to her place. (This is probably Sergeant Elmer T. Harrold and John E. Savage.)

On September 12, 1936, Sally Darling called Ardell and stated that Chicago had been trying to get in touch with Edna and that Edna was at present over at Florence Newman's place in Detroit, Michigan. She asked Ardell for the telephone number of Florence Newman and ascertained that it was Columbia 2888. Sally was told by Ardell of her conversation with her friend on the previous day relative to the raids and Sally stated that she also had a very good friend in the detective bureau and that he had told her that the detectives are just trying to show Ness that they can do something about the prostitution racket. It was also ascertained that Joyce Manners is at present at 1864 East 82nd Street, telephone Cedar 6364, suite 36.

A letter is being directed to the Detroit office relative to the address of Florence Newman and the probability that an investigation may disclose a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act.

On the 13th of September, Ardell called Sergeant Harrold at the 11th precinct and made arrangements for him to meet her at her house at 3:30 P. M.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Cleveland, Ohio, will continue this investigation in order to obtain evidence to show knowledge on parts of Hebebrand and Patton that they knew identities of Karpis, et al, during summer of 1934, and in this connection will locate and interview all persons connected with the Harvard Club during this period. Will also consider reinterviews with some of the individuals already interviewed.

Will follow possible White Slave Traffic Act violation against Ardell Quinn, involving transportation of Miss G. Currier of Dallas, Texas.

Will install tap on telephone of Hebebrand and Patton at the Beachcliff Building Corporation, Rocky River, Ohio.

Will prosecute investigation as to police tipoff when the three women were arrested, particularly as to the officer who advised Inspector Story that he had a meeting with Harvard Club representative on the morning of September 6, 1934. Ascertain identities and interview policewomen on duty when three women were in custody in line with data furnished by Policewoman Heidinger.

Will continue investigation to secure data on alleged tipoff through interview with women in city jail along with them.

- PENDING -

1021 Bankers Building  
Milwaukee Wisconsin

September 16, 1936

Mr. A. C. Hartman, Director,  
Motor Vehicle Division,  
Department of State,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

90497

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of June 29, 1936,  
requesting you to place a flash card in your files against  
Ford Coupe, Motor No. 18-429014.

Please be advised that this car has been located  
and, consequently, you may withdraw the wanted notice which  
you placed in your files.

The cooperation which you have afforded this office  
in this matter is deeply appreciated.

Very truly yours,

V. W. PETERSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

VWP:ME  
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Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
St. Paul

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 11924

Laboratory Report

Case: Re: BREKID

Number: 7-576-12864

Specimens:

7-576-12864 Q5. One anonymous postal card postmarked, 10, Chicago, Ill.,  
Sep. 15, 1936, 4 PM.

Examination requested by: Chicago

Date received: 9-21-36 jwp 9:00 AM

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

CC: ~~Chicago~~

Cincinnati

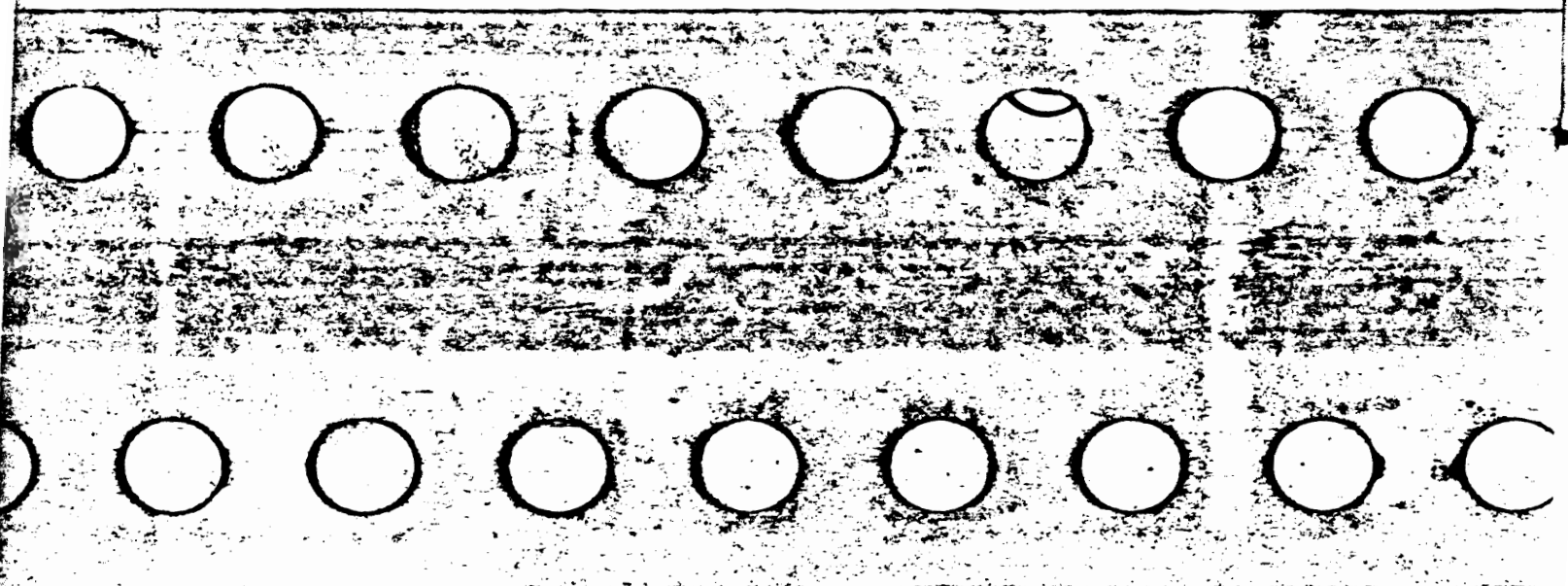
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E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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9/26 SAY BOX KREG  
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CHICAGO  
SEP 15  
4 PM  
1936

BUY U.S.  
BOND  
ASK YOUR POSTMASTER

THIS SIDE OF CARD FOR ADDRESS

TO: 1 DUROVLY CROES  
THE PARTNER OF TASTY  
SEP 16 1936 CHICAGO  
IT. MED. LEAD.



WAT BUDDY WE KNOW OUR  
RITES ARE SLIPPEN WE DONT  
WANT THAT TO HAPPEN YOU  
HAVE DILLINGER-FLOYED  
NOW ITS OUR TURN WE WANT  
(KARPIS) SEE AND WE WILL  
STOP AT NOTHING TO GET  
HIM EVEN IF IT COST LIVES OF  
WARDEN & OPS AN PRISONER WILL  
TURNING

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

September 17, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

I am transmitting herewith an original Government penny post card, postmarked Chicago, Illinois, September 15, 1936, enclosed in a cellophane envelope, which appears to be the work of a crank. It is addressed to the writer and states that the writers of this post card want Karpis and that they will stop at nothing to get him, even if it cost the lives of the Warden, cops and prisoners.

This post card, having been received openly through the mail, probably has a large number of prints of postal clerks thereon. However, it is suggested that same be examined in the Technical Laboratory for the purpose of obtaining any specimens or latent prints, if possible.

Photostatic copy of this card is also being forwarded to the Bureau and to each of the other Offices receiving a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

9/28/36  
Memo for  
Director  
Bu. of Prisons  
RCS

DML:LJM  
enc.

cc - Cincinnati (enc.)  
Cleveland (enc.)  
St. Paul (enc.)

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SEP 28 1936  
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Handwritten: Edward G. Bremer Murder

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Handwritten: M. H. White

RCS:LL

7-576-12864

September 28, 1936

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF PRISONS.**

Re: BREKID

By reference from Mr. D. M. Ladd, Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago, Illinois, Office of this Bureau, I am in receipt of an anonymous postal card, postmarked "10 Chicago Ill. Sep 15 1936 4 PM", addressed "To a Duboul Cross, Department of Justice Chicago Mr. Ladd.", which reads as follows:

"Say buddy we know our rites are slipping  
We dont want that to happen. You have  
Dillinger - Floyed Now its our turn We  
want (Karpis) see and we will stop at  
nothing to get him even if it cost lives  
of warden cops an prisoners

Yours

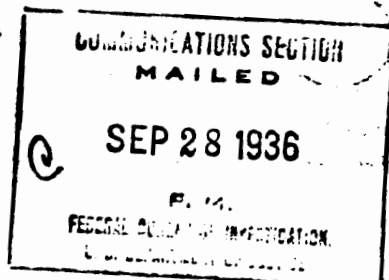
Ill. Gang

The original of this postal card is presently being examined in the Technical Laboratory and if further information is obtained concerning this matter or the identity of the writer of this card, you will be promptly advised.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Dawsey .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Foxworth .....  
Mr. Glavin .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Joseph .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Nichols .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....



Federal Bureau of Investigation

Date 9/25 1936

FROM: Technical Laboratory

TO: Single Fingerprint Section

Case Number: 7-576-12864

No latent fingerprints developed \_\_\_\_\_

Iodine prints developed on \_\_\_\_\_

Silver nitrate prints on \_\_\_\_\_

1 Identiscope negatives attached hereto.

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

E. P. Coffey

By: Affel  
Examiner.

See attached

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Knowles

CC: ~~Sinclair~~  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
St. Paul  
E. J. Connelley, Chicago

*Material examined in Lab. 9-25-36  
No latent fingerprints developed by Appel (McClintock)  
answered by Lab.*

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 17, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Enclosed herewith is one negative of a photograph  
of JOHN F. "SHARKEY" GOODMAN, an employee at the Harvard  
Club, Newburgh Heights, Ohio.

It is requested that six copies of this negative  
be made and forwarded to the Cleveland office at your  
earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

SKM/KYS  
CC - Bureau  
- Cincinnati

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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September 24, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

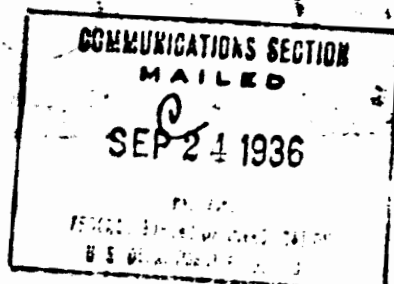
Reference is made to the letter from the Cleveland office to you under date of September 17, 1936, relative to the transmittal of a negative of a photograph of John F. "Turkey" Carson.

It is desired that you furnish the Bureau with a copy of this photograph.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC- Cincinnati  
CC- Cleveland.



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for  
EDT

1130 Enquirer Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio

JET:MGR  
7-43

September 17, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter dated September 8, 1936, Special Agent J. E. Thornton of this office checked at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio, on all automobiles registered under the name of Clarence Charles Miller, during the years 1935 and 1936. It should be stated that no car was registered under the name of Clarence Charles Miller, but several cars were registered under the initials "C.C." and "Clarence C.", therefore these were obtained and are being set forth herewith.

1935

1. C. C. Miller, R.R. #3, Wooster, Ohio.  
1927 Nash Sedan, Motor #29230  
Ohio License UN-873, registered Wayne County.
2. C. C. Miller, R.R. #1, Salem, Ohio.  
Studebaker Sedan, Motor #40230.  
Ohio License C-466-T, registered Columbiana County.
3. C. C. Miller, Christiansburg, Ohio.  
1925 Buick Coupe, Motor #1406730.  
Ohio License 258-VI, registered Champaigne County.
4. C. C. Miller, Shelby, Ohio.  
1929 Chevrolet Coupe, Motor #448984.  
Ohio License VY 422, registered Richland County.
5. C. C. Miller, Salineville, Ohio.  
1929 Ford Sedan, Motor #2142802  
Ohio License L 163 F, registered Columbiana County.

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Edw. G. Bremer

6. C. C. Miller, 1618 Hearthstone Drive, Dayton, Ohio.  
1934 Auburn Broughan, Motor #1758.  
Ohio license 9C2 JH, registered Montgomery County.
7. C. C. Miller, R.R. #2, Defiance, Ohio.  
1928 Ford Coupe, Motor #204190.  
Ohio License 1,001 X, registered Defiance County.
8. C. C. Miller, R.R. #5, Bucyrus, Ohio.  
1930 Ford Coupe, Motor #3661990.  
Ohio License XB 310, registered Columbiana County.
9. C. C. Miller, R.R. #1, Waynesburg, Ohio.  
1922 Buick Sedan, Motor #837440.  
Ohio License M 834 U, registered Stark County.
10. C. C. Miller, 466 S. Broadway, Dayton, Ohio.  
1926 Essex Coupe, Motor #485,253.  
Ohio license 711 - PP, registered Montgomery County.
11. C. C. Miller, R.R. #3, Marengo, Ohio.  
1926 Buick Sedan, Motor #1312066.  
Ohio License R 5935, registered Morrow County.
12. C. C. Miller, 1368 West Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio.  
1935 Graham Sedan, Motor #1640096.  
Ohio license OQ 876, registered Cuyahoga County.
13. C. C. Miller, 1539 Northland Ave., Lakewood, Ohio.  
1931 Ford Coupe, Motor #4221609.  
Ohio license BC 945, Cuyahoga County.
14. C. C. Miller, 15325 Lake Street, Cleveland, Ohio.  
1934 Ford Sedan Motor 1B-809200.  
Ohio License CU-901, registered Cuyahoga County.
15. C. C. Miller, 3154 Linwood Road, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
1928 Chevrolet Coupe, Motor #4,577,734.  
Ohio License 108 KA, registered Hamilton County.

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1. C. C. Miller, 15325 Lake Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.  
1936 Ford Coupe, Motor 1B-2384085.  
Ohio License HY 959, registered Cuyahoga County.

2. C. C. Miller, 1539 Northland, Lakewood, Ohio.  
1931 Ford Coupe, Motor #4221609.  
Ohio License WQ 732, registered Cuyahoga County.
3. C. C. Miller, 1354 West Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio.  
1935 Graham Sedan, Motor #1640096.  
Ohio License JA 896, registered Cuyahoga County.
4. Clarence C. Miller, 184 E. 7th Street, Chillicothe, Ohio.  
1931 Chevrolet Coach, Motor #2948078.  
Ohio License 780 KA, registered Ross County.
5. Clarence C. Miller, 1501 Northwestern Avenue, Dayton, Ohio.  
1935 Plymouth Coach, Motor #PJ 254334  
Ohio License 335 QT, registered Montgomery County.
6. Clarence C. Miller, 504 Citizens Building, Lima, Ohio.  
1935 Ford Coupe, Motor #18-1794476.  
Ohio License 738 YL, registered Allen County.

It was ascertained at the Bureau that a file is kept on each type of automobile, however this file is not broken down into the various models, such as Sedans, Coupes, Roadsters, etc., nor is it broken down into Counties, and that files are maintained on the State, as a whole. Therefore, since the file is maintained in this manner in order to secure the names and addresses of all persons who licensed Hudson Coupes for the period July 1, 1935 to January 1, 1936, a search would have to be made through the file maintained for the entire State. As this detailed check was not specifically requested in reference letter, it will not be undertaken unless notified that it is necessary.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau  
Chicago  
St. Paul.

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

September 16, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in the report of Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin dated Cleveland, Ohio, September 8, 1936, I am forwarding to each of the Offices receiving a copy of this letter, except St. Paul, two copies of the photograph of Milton Lett.

Very truly yours,

LJM  
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D. M. LAIRD  
Special Agent in Charge

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1130 Enquirer Building  
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September 17, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter dated September 8, 1936, Special Agent J. E. Thornton of this office contacted Mr. G. S. Frambes, Jr., of the Thomas Shirt Company, 240 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Frambes, Jr., advised that his father, G. S. Frambes, Sr., was at present absent from the city of Columbus, but that he is expected to return the latter part of this month and suggested that he be contacted about September 25, as he would know at that time the exact date of his father's return.

Mr. Frambes, Jr., suggested that Sunday, September 27 would most likely be the most convenient day for his father to be interviewed.

It is suggested that the Cleveland Office make this appointment with Mr. Frambes, Sr., telephonically.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 17, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York City, New York.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

At the present time a summary report is being prepared in connection with the harboring case at Toledo, Ohio, and it is desired that you obtain a copy of the June, 1934, issue of Real Detective Magazine for use in the preparation of this report. The publisher of this magazine is S. V. Gibson, 444 Madison Avenue, New York City.

It is requested that inquiry be made at the above address to ascertain the date when the June issue of the Real Detective Magazine was released for distribution. It is likewise requested that you ascertain the name and address of the Toledo, Ohio, distributor for this magazine.

If there are copies of this magazine for the year 1934 containing photographs or stories with reference to the Bremer kidnaping, or to any of the subjects involved in the Bremer kidnaping case, such copies should be secured and forwarded to the Cleveland office, and information with reference to such copies as is requested above in the June, 1934 issue should also be furnished at the earliest opportunity.

Very truly yours,

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J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 16, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

In connection with the above case, there is being maintained in Cleveland, Ohio, a telephone tap on the telephone of ARDELL QUINN, a notorious madam of a house of prostitution.

On September 12, 1936, a prostitute by the name of Sally Darling called Ardell Quinn and stated that the long distance operator at Chicago, Illinois, had called her in an effort to locate one "EDNA"; that Edna was at present at the place operated by FLORENCE NEWMAN in Detroit, Michigan. She asked Ardell for the telephone number of Florence Newman, which was given to her by Ardell Quinn as being Columbia 2988.

This information is being supplied to your office due to the fact that on recent logs of the above tap there has appeared the name of EDNA, last name unknown, and it is thought that investigation of this matter may disclose a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act.

This matter is left to your discretion and should be treated as you see fit, separate and apart from instant matter.

Very truly yours,

APK/LJB

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S. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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PHONE. BREKID. AUTHORITY REQUESTED TAP TELEPHONE ACADEMY THREE SIX NINE SEVEN  
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Copy to Mr. Tamm

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*Edward J. Bremer*

*Wire tapping*

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois

September 17, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to your letter under date of September 4, 1936, addressed to the Indianapolis Office, requesting that investigation be made at Hammond, Indiana, in reference to one Rex Graham, of #1 Waltham Street, and to letter of Special Agent in Charge John A. Dowd, dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, September 9, 1936, advising that Rex Graham was residing at #1 Waltham Street, telephone number 3703, Calumet City, Illinois.

In reply thereto, I wish to advise that Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. (Amelia) Graham are at the present time residing at #1 Waltham, Calumet City, Illinois; that, according to the mail carrier, C. Horn, who delivers mail to the Graham residence, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Graham are the father and mother of a Robert Graham, who is about thirty-one years of age; that the mail carrier knew of no Rex Graham but advised that according to his best information the father, Joseph E. Graham, and Robert Graham are at the present time, or have been up until a short time ago, working in some gambling house located somewhere in Gary, Indiana; that Robert Graham is married and has two small children, who up until August 21, 1936, were staying with their grandfather and grandmother at the Calumet City address; that Robert Graham's whereabouts is unknown to him at the present time; that the last time he, Mr. Horn, saw Robert Graham about his father's premises was the early part of August of this year. He stated that he believed that Robert Graham was at the present time residing in Gary, Indiana, address unknown to him; that Robert Graham, as well as his father and mother, appeared to be a very nice person and of good reputation, and he claimed to have known them for several years past. However, Mr. Horn stated that it was not known to him whether or not Robert Graham could be approached or interviewed and any inquiry made of him treated with strict confidence. He stated that Robert Graham drove a 1934 Dodge Coupe, at one time lived in Nevada and at one time lived in Ohio before coming to work in a gambling house at Gary, Indiana.

Sandor Singer, Captain of Detectives at Hammond, Indiana, Police Department, was contacted by Special Agent T. F. Mullen, and he advised that at this time he had no independent recollection of a Rex Graham, other than that he believed that he was a hotel clerk at the Hotel Savoy, located on the state line between Illinois and Indiana, at Hammond, Indiana; that he has been endeavoring to get in touch with one "Pop" Schneider, a former owner of the Savoy Hotel during the time that he believed Rex Graham worked as a clerk there; that Mr. Schneider has been out of town and he just learned that Mr. Schneider had returned to town, but that he, Captain Singer, had been unable to locate or contact him. He believed, however, that he would be able to find Mr. Schneider within the next few days, and stated that he would advise Agent or the Chicago Office the result of his interview with Mr. Schneider concerning Rex Graham. He did state, however, that one or two of his detectives had learned that Rex Graham is at the present time out of town, his present location being unknown; that while he did not know the make of car Rex Graham was driving it was ascertained that Graham was using a Michigan state license thereon.

Captain Singer will be contacted within the next few days for the purpose of ascertaining what, if any, additional information he has been able to obtain in connection therewith.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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404 New York Building  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
September 17, 1936

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in Charge  
St. Louis, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

BRKID

Reference is made to the letter from the New York Bureau Office dated June 2, 1936 requesting the checking of certain guns recently recovered from subjects in the above entitled case.

The gun referred to as No. 2, on the first page of this letter, a .45 automatic pistol, Serial No. C 161847 (Colt), was shipped by the Colt Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company to Farwell, Ommun, Kirk & Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 15, 1932.

PREVIOUS RECORD OF Serial IN 7-576-11041  
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In response to a letter written to Farwell, Ommun, Kirk & Company by this office, we were advised that the instant Colt automatic pistol was sold and shipped on June 30, 1932 to C. A. Zenck, Cold Spring, Minnesota. This party is the operator of a beer parlor in that town, and was formerly a tinner and gunsmith.

Investigation reveals that he returned this gun to Farwell, Ommun, Kirk & Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, and from the records of that company it was shown that he received a credit for same on July 15, 1932. The record of this credit was in the correspondence files of the company. There was no record kept on the book covering the serial of this gun in the company's files to show that it had been returned and resold, and after diligent checking this office has been advised that they were unable to determine what became of this pistol.

Very truly yours,

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C. W. STEIN

Special Agent in Charge

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October 2, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 19, 1936, to the New Orleans Office, in which you advise that .45 automatic pistol, Serial No. C 161847 (Colt) was shipped by the Colt Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company to Farwell, Cumm, Kirk and Company, Saint Paul, Minnesota, on January 15, 1932, which pistol was recently recovered from Alvin Karpis.

The Cleveland Office has recently obtained information that a .32 caliber Colt automatic, #308548, which was a gun found in the automobile used by Paula Harmon, Lynona Burdette, and Gladys Sawyer at the time of their apprehension at Cleveland, Ohio, September 5, 1934, was shipped to Farwell Cumm, Kirk and Company, Saint Paul, Minnesota, on September 12, 1932.

As it appears that this company was the source of at least two of the firearms recovered from the Karpis-Barker gang, the Bureau desires that you institute a discreet inquiry to determine the reputation and scope of firearms business enjoyed by the Farwell, Cumm, Kirk and Company.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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OCT 3 - 1936

cc-Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
Chicago

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

September 17, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in the report of Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin dated Cleveland, Ohio, September 8, 1936, I am forwarding to each of the Offices receiving a copy of this letter, except St. Paul, two copies of the photograph of Lucille Ferris Lett.

Very truly yours,

LJM  
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D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
404 NEW YORK BUILDING  
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

September 29, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Research

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter of September 17, 1936, there are being submitted three copies of a letter which appears in the Ramsey County Jail, Saint Paul, Minnesota, allegedly written by Volney Davis, and addressed to his parents. The entire letter is typewritten.

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Stein*

C. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

June 3, 1935.

My dear Mother, Father and Sisters:

At last I am in a position where I can write to you all again. And I am sure glad that I can for it has been awful to be running around over the country and not being able to write to the only ones in this world that really loves me. I am here in jail and have entered a plea of guilty to conspiracy in this case, I guess you have read about it in the papers. I will be sentenced on Friday this week, I don't know what I will get but I expect it will be a life sentence. I guess I will be sent to the government prison out in California, but before I go there I will be held for thirty days in some prison here. But I won't be here long enough time for you to come to see me. But just as soon as I am where you can have time to come to see me I will let you know when and where to come. I have some property and some money I want to turn over to you and if it is so you can I want you to bring Ruby with you as there will be quite a bit of running around and she can do it better than you.

I would like to see all of you before I go away for good but I may be impossible as it will cost too much. Tell all the kids hello for me and tell the boys to take a lesson from my experience and never touch anything that don't belong to them. For a man can get more enjoyment out of ten dollars he has earned honestly than he can a thousand got dishonestly. I know from sad experience. I am telling you this to tell them because it may do some good and I know my life has been spared for some reason in this world and if I can keep some young boys from going wrong I have accomplished something in this world. I would give anything if I could start over again, for I know I could be successful in business if I was free for I have been fairly successful in business transactions while I have been dodging the law and I know if I had of been free to have taken care of them like any other citizen I could have done much better.

Papa and Mamma I don't want you all to feel too bad about this for after all you will know where I am at night when you go to sleep and I won't be in any danger of being

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killed any moment. And I promise if such a thing should happen as I am ever a free man again I will make an honest living regardless of how little I can earn. And I will be a model prisoner where ever I go and for ever length of time I get. I have been treated good here and am well in body. I hope wherever I go that I get work that won't be injurious to my health. Well, I don't know much more to write but I will sure write ever time I get a chance and try to make up for the last time.

Tell Uncle Newt hello and I sure would like to see him.

I am going to write a letter to Bertha soon and Irene. I think I know their address, but in case I don't you tell them you heard from me.

Be sure to tell me how Buelah is and when you saw her last. I sure do hope she gets well.

Guess Mildred is O.K. I hope so. Well, I will close. With all my love to you all, as ever,

Volney Davis

Tom J. Gibbons  
Sheriff

## WARNING TO BOYS, LEFT BY GANGSTER, ADORNS JAIL HERE

"Take a Lesson From My Experience," Says Letter Left by Volney Davis.

### TOUHY ALONE NOW LEFT OF MANY 'BAD' INMATES

For 35 years the Ramsey county jail has watched unmoved the comings and goings of this criminal, that gangster, but even its sophisticated eyes must have blinked in surprise the day Volney Davis' letter was tacked on its white porcelain walls.

In the juvenile department of this steel and concrete jail, hangs a typewritten copy. Addressed to his parents it says in part:

"Don't feel too bad about it because you will know where I am at night and won't be in danger of getting killed. Tell the boys (his younger brothers) to take a lesson from my experience and never touch anything that don't belong to them.

"A man can get more enjoyment out of a dollar he has earned honestly than he can \$1,000 got dishonestly. I know, from sad experience."

Davis' "sad experience" got him a life sentence in Alcatraz penitentiary for being a Barker-Karpis mobster when the gang kidnaped Edward G. Bremer for \$200,000 ransom in 1935.

#### MANY TOUGH ONES THERE.

He was only one of more than a score of the toughest criminals of the country who have been housed in the Ramsey county jail. It has held probably more outlaws of the "public enemy" variety and certainly more kidnapers, than any other institution of its kind in the United States except, of course, federal penitentiaries.

Davis, however, was the only one to leave a tangible reminder of his stay. Of the others—the Karpises, Barkers, Sawyers and Touhys—only a memory is left.

Looking back for the last two years, the one thing all had in common, E. J. Clewett, chief jailer recalls, was an innocent habit.

All were gum chewers. Doc Barker, who got life for the Bremer abduction, was perhaps the most avid gum chewer of them all. He chewed gum in jail and in court and even while being sentenced the even grinding motion of his jaws on a cud of gum never ceased.

"They were all nice fellows—in jail," recollected Clewett. "They tried to make the best of it. They knew of course, they wouldn't get anywhere by getting tough."

Barker would chat about baseball and hunting and fishing with the jailers. Karpis—"Old Creepy"—was nervous. He paced his narrow cell in solitary and sometimes would talk about hunting in the South. He used to like to travel fast at night in automobiles, he told his jailers.

Neither talked about their "cases," though Barker once remarked to a jailer he would like to "have five minutes alone in the same cell with Byron Bolton." Bolton it was who "talked" on the witness stand.

He told the story of the gang's machinations to three federal court juries, and chiefly on his evidence the government convicted more than a dozen kidnapers. Bolton got three years; most of his erstwhile pals got 20 years to life.

Of the lot, Jack Peifer, former night club proprietor, took his sentence the hardest. He swallowed poison soon after his sentence and died. He was the second outlaw of notoriety to commit suicide in the Ramsey county jail.

#### SHARKEY HANGED SELF.

Willie Sharkey was the first to hang himself in 1933 with a necktie after being acquitted of the William Hamm kidnaping. Afterward his pals, Roger Touhy, co-leader with his brother Tommy of the "Terrible Touhy" gang in Chicago; Polly Nose Kator, Gloomy Gus Schaefer, and others got 99-year sentences for abducting Jake Factor.

Of all the famous outlaws who passed dull days in the county jail, only one now remains—Tommy Touhy. Afflicted with palsy he is awaiting the outcome of an appeal from a conviction for robbing the mails in Minneapolis. Medical treatment has improved his physical condition, Jailer Clewett says.

The rest are gone but their memory still remains—the memory of Harry Campbell, Charles (Big Fitz) Fitzgerald, Bolton, Harry Sawyer, Bremer fingerman; William Weaver, Cassius McDonald, Ollie Berg, Boss McLaughlin, now dead; Edna (Rabbits) Murray, the kissing bandit; "Father Tom" McFadden, Howard Alderton, Dolores Delaney, Wynona Burdette and others.

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# **Outlaw's Warning to 'Tough' Youths Put on Jail Wall**

St. Paul, Minn.-UP A 17-year-old would-be gangster walked into the Ramsey county jail Friday, handcuffed to a burly policeman.

"You're not quite as tough as you think you are," the captain told him. "Go over and read that letter nailed on the wall. That's what a really big shot hoodlum thinks about you kids."

The boy read aloud:  
"Don't feel too bad about it, mother, because when I'm in jail you will know where I am at night and won't be in danger of getting killed. Tell my kid brothers to take a lesson from my experiences and never to touch anything that don't belong to them."

"A man can get more enjoyment out of a dollar he has earned honestly than he can from \$1,000 gotten dishonestly. I oughta know."

The letter was signed by Volney Davis, Barker-Karpis gangster serving life in Alcatraz prison for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

**MILWAUKEE JOURNAL**  
**SEPTEMBER 4, 1936**

*Have me the original or photostat?*  
*J. E. H.*  
*Revised 9/24/36*

*7-576-12878*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

September 17, 1936.

LEN:LCB

## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

With reference to the Director's notation inquiring whether we have the original or a photostat of a letter apparently written by Volney Davis to his parents which appeared in the September 4, 1936 issue of the Milwaukee Journal, I desire to advise that we do not have the original or a photostat in our files, however, a letter has gone forward to the St. Paul Office requesting that a copy of this be secured and furnished the Bureau.

Special Agent Suran has informed me that the letter appearing in the Ramsey County Jail is merely a type-written copy of the original.

Respectfully,

R. E. Joseph  
R. E. Joseph.

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
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September 17, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: Research

Dear Sir:

It is desired that you immediately secure a copy of the letter which appears in the Ramsey County Jail allegedly written by Volney Davis, addressed to his parents.

This should be furnished to the Bureau by Air Mail, Special Delivery.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Laboratory Report

Case:

September 18, 1936.

Number:

Brock 18

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Specimens:

Three bullets and shells, .25 caliber, one each of Peters, Western and Remington U.M.C. manufacture; fired from .25 caliber Colt automatic serial #392863.

PREVIOUS RECORD OF *Pistol* IN *7-576-12835*

Three bullets and shells, .32 caliber, one each of Peters, Western and Remington U.M.C. manufacture; fired from .32 caliber Colt automatic bearing serial #308548.

Examination requested by:

Cleveland Office

Date received:

9/10/36

Examination requested:

Ballistic

Result of examination:

Examination by: *Parsons*

The above-listed test specimens have been compared with all specimens of their respective types contained in the Laboratory's file of unidentified ammunition specimens but no identification has been made. These test specimens will be retained in the Laboratory's file for possible future reference.

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- 1 - Laboratory

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September 18, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: Brekid.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau September 10, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Cincinnati  
Chicago  
Mr. Connelley, Chicago

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 19, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

During the course of numerous interviews had with persons employed at the Harvard Club, Newburgh Heights, Ohio, in connection with the harboring investigation at Cleveland, Ohio, and vicinity, it has been learned that some individual, possibly a public accountant named Geisey, has been taking care of income tax returns, both for the club and for the various men employed at the place.

On September 18, 1936, one Chris Brown, nee Motoff, was interviewed and he advised that his individual income tax return for 1935 was prepared by some unknown person in the office at the club; that he did not swear to the return; and that he paid his tax in the sum of \$6.38 to this individual. He stated that he did not furnish the information contained in the return and was merely informed that he was being placed in the \$3,000 class. Chris Brown later furnished the duplicate of this return to the Cleveland office, and it is noted that his income is designated as having been earned from the Avenue Catering Company, Cleveland, Ohio, as a clerk. Brown has promised to secure definite information as to the identity of the person who prepared this return and furnish same to this office.

Indications are that the operators of the club, through the accountant in question, have been preparing fraudulent income tax returns both for the club and the individual employees, or that they may be engaging in an income tax racket. The facts now available may be the basis for an investigation as to a possible conspiracy to violate the income tax laws, fraud against the Government, or impersonation.

For the information of the Cleveland office in connection with the present investigation it is requested that the Bureau secure all information possible from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C., as to income tax return filed for the year 1935 by the Avenue Catering Company, Cleveland, Ohio, inasmuch as this return

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may contain data of value to the present inquiry. A previous request has been made that the Bureau obtain information from possible tax returns filed by the Harvard Club, either as a corporation or a partnership, however, no reply has been received to date.

This information is being submitted to the Bureau for informative purposes as it is felt it might be deemed desirable to refer these facts to the Intelligence Unit of the Treasury Department for investigation or undertake an independent inquiry on a conspiracy or impersonation basis as an offshoot of the harboring inquiry here. Your advice in the premises will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*J. F. MacFarland*

J. F. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

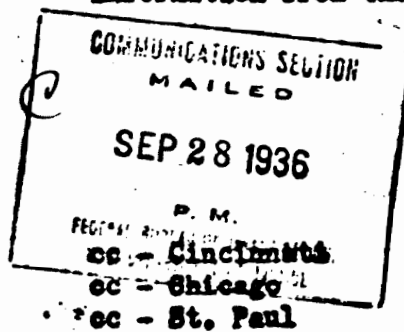
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 19, 1936, concerning the interview had with one Chris Brown, nee Botoff, who states that some unknown person prepared his individual income tax return for 1935 and that he paid his tax in the sum of \$6.38 to this individual.

Your office should proceed with the inquiry concerning this matter to ascertain whether there has been a violation of the Federal Impersonation Statute in connection with the collecting of income tax from Chris Brown.

The information which might be developed by your office concerning violations of the Income Tax Laws should not be furnished to the Bureau of Internal Revenue at the present time. Such information will be furnished to the Bureau of Internal Revenue at the conclusion of this Bureau's present investigation at Cleveland, Ohio.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue has been requested to furnish the information requested by you concerning the income tax returns of the Harvard Club and the Avenue Catering Company, and your office will be advised immediately upon receipt of this information from the Treasury Department.



Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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September 28, 1936

The Honorable,  
The Secretary of the Treasury,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

My dear Mr. Secretary:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of this Department, at Cleveland, Ohio, it has become desirable to obtain information concerning the income tax return filed for the year 1935 by the Avenue Catering Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

It will be appreciated if you will furnish me a certified photostatic copy of the income tax return filed by the Avenue Catering Company for the year 1935, together with any other information your files might contain concerning that company.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Homer Cummings  
Attorney General.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Dawsey .....  
Egan .....  
Foxworth .....  
Glavin .....  
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Joseph .....  
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Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Jones  
Mr. Mumford  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
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*Edw. J. Bremer*

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-33-

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 9-17-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/11-18/36	REPORT MADE BY C. O. HURT
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATL. FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Discreet inquiry by Dallas Police at 1720 South Ervay St., Dallas, revealed that Gertrude Carrier alias Gertrude Ellis is 'G. Carrier'. Mail cover that address reflects one letter for her. With full cooperation of railroad and pullman companies unable to ascertain definitely when she left Dallas for Cleveland. She allegedly will return to Dallas in two weeks.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Letter from the Cleveland Office dated Sept. 9, 1936.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: Upon receipt of reference letter inquiries were made at the Dallas Texas, Police Department which revealed that 1720 South Ervay Street is a house of ill fame; that it is customary for the Dallas Police to check this house, along with other houses of a similar character in this neighborhood, at least once a week and make a record of all inmates. Captain Roddy of the Vice Squad assigned City Detectives Jack Stultz and F. M. Ferguson to make such an investigation on the night of September 12, 1936, and on the morning of September 13, 1936, these officers reported to Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake that a check up at this address revealed that an inmate by the name of Gertrude Carrier alias Gertrude Ellis, recently from Cleveland, Ohio, was present; that this woman intended to return to Cleveland about 6 p. m. September 14, 1936.</p> <p>Officers Stultz and Ferguson furnished the following description of this woman:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Age - 27 years Height - 5' 3" Weight - 118 lbs.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED  <i>F. J. Burke</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Build - slender  
Eyes - blue  
Hair - very dark brown  
Dress - unable to describe clothing as she  
was not dressed at the time of the  
inspection.

*Dallas, Tex*  
On the morning of September 12, 1936, Mr. T. C. Neal, Assistant Superintendent of Mails, Dallas Post Office, was requested to place a mail cover at 1720 South Ervay Street. Mr. Neal called in M. M. Bullard, city carrier, who is substituting on this route, and instructed him to make a record of all incoming and outgoing mail at this address for the following few days. Mr. Bullard stated that it would not be unusual for him to make inquiries at this address as he had been on the route only two days and had made numerous inquiries over the entire street. On the morning of September 13, 1936, M. M. Bullard telephonically advised Agent that he had a letter addressed to Gertrude Currier, 1720 South Ervay Street, with the return address Scherk-Ritchie Company, Investments and Securities, Landreth Building, St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Bullard was told to deliver the letter to Gertrude Currier at her address. He was again contacted after he made his morning delivery and advised that he delivered the letter to 1720 South Ervay Street and was met at the door by the landlady who stated she would deliver the letter to Miss Currier. He therefore did not have an opportunity to see the Currier woman. A check of the mail cover, until the time Gertrude Currier left Dallas, revealed that this one letter was the only mail delivered for her at 1720 South Ervay Street. The mail cover was discontinued on September 16, 1936.

On September 13, 1936, arrangements were made with Mr. J. C. Sloane, City Ticket Agent, Texas-Pacific Railroad, 1408 Main Street, and Mr. C. C. Egdorf, City Ticket Agent, Missouri Kansas & Texas Lines, Adolphus Hotel, whereby the Dallas Office would be notified if a reservation was made by either Gertrude Currier or Gertrude Ellis, or anyone giving 1720 South Ervay Street as an address. It might be noted here that both Mr. Sloane and Mr. Egdorf handle pullman reservations for the railroads indicated. On the morning of September 15, 1936, it was ascertained that no one by the name of Currier or Ellis, or anyone from 1720 South Ervay Street, had made reservations or purchased a ticket from either railroad company.

On September 14, 1936, City Detectives Stultz and Ferguson were not available, and Detectives Vic Register and Tom Smith were assigned to assist the writer, who kept the house at 1720 South Ervay under surveillance from 4 p. m. until 5:30 p. m., at which time it was decided best to proceed to the Union Terminal Station. Upon arrival at the Terminal Station at 5:28 p. m., it was ascertained that the gate for the MKT train would open at 5:30 p. m. Arrangements were made with the gateman at this gate, # 5, whereby Detective Register could stand by him and view all persons and tickets passing through this gate. Agent proceeded to gate # 10, T-P Railroad, from where a train leaves for St. Louis at 6:00 p. m., and where like

arrangements were made. In this way all persons and tickets passing through the two gates were viewed by either Agent or Detective Register, and no ticket for Cleveland, Ohio, passed through either gate. Numerous persons, however, attending the Texas Centennial at Dallas, were returning to their homes in St. Louis, Memphis, and other destinations. It is possible that the Currier woman caught the M K & T train at Highland Park, a northern suburb of Dallas, Texas, as this is a regular stop for that line.

On September 15, 1936, Agent, accompanied by Dallas Police Officers made another check at 1720 South Ervay Street, where it was ascertained that the landlady had the same list of inmates except one by the name of Gertrude Currier who departed at 6:00 p. m. September 14, 1936, for Cleveland, Ohio, to attend a funeral. She stated the Currier woman would return to that address, 1720 South Ervay Street, in about two weeks. The landlady at this address was not questioned further with reference to the Currier woman in order that she might not know this woman was of any interest to the officers.

The Cleveland Office has been kept advised, by teletype, of all developments in this investigation.

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775 Starks Building  
Louisville, Kentucky

September 17, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of Sept. 15, 1936, referring to the report of Special Agent in Charge O. G. Dewey, dated at Louisville, Kentucky, Sept. 8, 1936, calling attention to requests that stop notices be continued against Plymouth 1935 Sedan, motor PJ-822772, and, 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, motor #2044337.

For your information a stop order cannot be placed against an automobile by motor number in the State of Kentucky. The only records kept at the State Automobile Bureau are by license numbers, and by the County Clerks, according to the name of the person registering a car.

Under date of June 16, 1936, circular letter was sent to all of the County Clerks, requesting them to advise if they had any record of instant automobiles, and in the absence of any replies in a three months' period, it was not thought that these cars have been registered in this State. The notices as to these two cars, however, have not been withdrawn, and should any word be received regarding these cars, instant file will be reopened, and the information reported.

For your information the matter of placing a stop with the County Clerks on automobiles has not proven at all satisfactory in this State, and after the new registrations are taken, if instant automobiles have not then been recovered, this request to again check their records will be renewed.

Very truly yours,

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 19, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: REXID

For use in the harboring inquiry being conducted at  
Cleveland, Ohio, it is desired that you secure all information  
possible through the office of the Secretary of State at  
Columbus, Ohio, as to the possible incorporation of the Avenue  
Catering Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

Kindly obtain this information as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

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- Chicago

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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September 18, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy dated at Cleveland, 9-12-36, which indicates that 1933 Ford Coupe, Motor #18-429014 was purchased from Lyman D. Arnold by George L. Van Houten, 923 Lincoln Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

For your information in case an interview with Mr. Van Houten is desired it has now been ascertained from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, that this car was registered in the name of George L. Van Houten for 1936 under license 8423 G, Van Houten's address being given as 2529 Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Although the Cincinnati Office had a stop against this automobile the Bureau of Motor Vehicles failed to furnish any information concerning the 1936 registration of this car. The stop in question has now been removed.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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SEPTEMBER 17 1936

Transmit the following Teletype message to: S A C

CLEVELAND OHIO

PHONE. BREKID, PERSON WHO LEFT DALLAS SEPTEMBER FOURTEENTH  
FOR CLEVELAND DID NOT MAKE PULLMAN RESERVATIONS UNDER NAME  
CURRIER OR ELLIS. NO PULLMAN RESERVATIONS TO CLEVELAND  
MADE BY A WOMAN ON THIS DATE. RAILROAD GATES FOR TEXAS  
PACIFIC AND MKT LINES WATCHED WHEN PERSON DEPARTED AND NO  
RAILROAD TICKETS FOR CLEVELAND APPEARED. DISCREET INQUIRIES  
HAVE FAILED TO REVEAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 10:10 a.m. Per M.H.

607 U.S. Court House,  
Foley Square,  
New York, N. Y.

September 18, 1936.

HCL:ME  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio

RE: BREMER

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 17, 1936, requesting that a copy of the June 1934 issue of the "Real Detective" magazine be obtained, and that the name and address of the Toledo, Ohio, distributor for this magazine be also obtained, as well as the date of distribution.

Special Agent H. C. Leslie, of this office, contacted Mr. Arthur Method, Editor of the "Real Detective" magazine, 144 Madison Avenue, New York City, who advised that the "Real Detective" magazine is distributed by the American News Company, Toledo, Ohio, and that the June 1934 issue was released for distribution, May 15, 1934. Mr. Method furnished copies of the June and July, 1934, issues, which contain a serial article entitled, "Following the Flood Spattered Track of John Dillinger, Public Enemy No. 1." There were no articles found in these magazines pertaining to the BREMER case.

Mr. Method also furnished a copy of the July, 1936, issue of the "Real Detective" magazine, which contains an article entitled, "G-Man Hoover Catches Killer Karpis." Mr. Method advised that this was the only article that he recalls in any of their magazines during the years 1934, 1935 and 1936, pertaining to the BREMER case. He, however, agreed to check their index files for all the names and aliases of all of the subjects involved in the BREMER case, and in the event any further articles are found in any of the magazines for the above mentioned years, same will be forwarded to the Cleveland Office.

Copies of the "Real Detective" magazine for June and July 1934, and July 1936, will be found attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

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R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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612 Marine Trust Bldg.  
Buffalo, New York

September 18th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREXID

Reference is made to the mimeographed letter of the Cleveland Office dated September 12th, 1936 in the above-entitled matter requesting that stop notices be withdrawn on the 1935 Standard Ford Coupe, Motor #1E-429014.

Please be advised that same has been withdrawn, and this matter is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours

GVD:GJO  
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cc Bureau

B. E. Sackett  
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

September 18, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter dated September 12, 1936 addressed to all Field Offices advising that the stop notices previously placed as to 1935 Standard Ford Coupe, model #40, motor number 12-429014 might be withdrawn since this car has been located.

Please be advised that stop notices placed as to this car in the motor vehicle registration bureaus in Olympia, Washington, and Salem, Oregon, have been withdrawn in accordance with your letter, and there being no further outstanding investigation in this matter in this district, the case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Kirksville, Missouri.

September 15, 1936.

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Baughman  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Dawsey  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Joseph  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Schilder  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

## Son of "Kissing Bandit" — Is Conviction of Murder

Lyons, Kan., Sept. 15. (UP) — Preston Roy Paden, 20-year-old son of Missouri's "kissing bandit," Edna Murray, and Henry Mallory, 30, today faced sentence to the Kansas penitentiary after a district court jury found them guilty of murder in connection with the slaying of a night marshal and recommended life imprisonment.

The jury reached an agreement last night after nearly six hours of deliberation.

It was the second time in this term of court that a jury had refused to recommend a penalty of death under the new Kansas capital punishment act.

The youths were accused of slaying Night Marshal Ben Wiggins, whose body was found at the rear of a Lyons furniture store on the morning of March 30.

Both state and defense rested yesterday after the prosecution had scored heavily with the testimony of Merle Gill, Kansas City, Mo., ballistics expert.

Gill testified that an empty cartridge found near Wiggins' body

came from the same stock from which local hardware merchants testified they supplied Mallory before the crime was committed. Mallory had purchased shells and a cartridge clip for a .380-calibre gun, the merchants testified.

Three witnesses testified they saw an automobile Paden had been driving parked across a lot from the store's rear entrance shortly before other witnesses heard the shot which presumably killed Wiggins.

It was brought out further that that the youths frequented a Great Bend filling station from which tools found near the store's safe had been stolen.

Paden's identity as the son of Kansas City's "kissing bandit" was disclosed publicly for the first time after his arrest here.

At Jefferson City where Miss Murray is serving a 27-year term for highway robbery in the Missouri prison, she said:

"Yes, he's my son, all right. What of it? They're trying to frame him just as they framed me."

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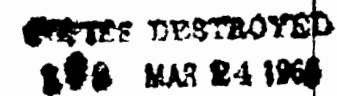
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Cleveland

FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 9/19/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/11 to 17/36	REPORT MADE BY J. V. MURPHY EJB
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Statements made by Edward Francis McGraw and wife, Clara McGraw, in which they both deny that either Alvin Karpis or Milton Lett had ever been to their rooming house; that they did not know true identity of Bob Miller (Harry Campbell), or Tommy Pratt (Sam Coker). Jimmie Wilson and Dr. Joseph P. Moran believed to have lived in apartment C, Hampden Apartments, 1628 Collingwood Ave., Toledo, as James Rogers and unknown man, from 5/10/34 to 6/8/34. Russell Gibson and wife Clara Gibson did not have apartment at 1825 Collingwood Ave., Toledo, in summer of 1934. No such address as 1765 Collingwood Ave. Leighton Lamb denies having any knowledge of a pay off being made to Sheriff James O'Reilly by Tom Worland or any one. Statement of Patricia Kelly denying she was ever at Casino Club or ever had "dates" with members of Barker-Karpis gang. Jean Bennett identified photograph of Jimmie Wilson, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Russell Gibson, and Arthur R. "Doc" Barker as persons she, Phillys Crawford, "Tillie", and Ruth entertained at apartment of Phillys Crawford, Mayville Apartments, Toledo, in early part of May, 1934. She admits she, Phillys and "Tillie" entertained Jimmie Wilson and other persons at Casino Club about middle of May, 1934; that she and Phillys Crawford were in Ford car being driven by Jimmie Wilson that night, when he wrecked same by striking a fire alarm box, and the three were taken to Phillys Crawford's apartment in police scout car by police officer called "Archie." Jean Bennett denies knowing true identity of persons entertained at these parties. Owen Green</p>			
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and Ray Sheets, detectives, Toledo Police Department, claim they had no information regarding presence of Barker-Karpis gang in Toledo, and made no investigation concerning same.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 9/12/36.

DETAILS: AT TOLEDO, OHIO

This report covers the investigative activities of Special Agents V. E. Criss, J. L. Madala, A. Dickstein, A. J. Norstrom, H. B. Dill, and J. V. Murphy, who have been engaged on the harboring investigation at Toledo, Ohio. Special Agents Dickstein and Norstrom arrived at Toledo on September 14, 1936.

Special Agent E. J. Dowd has been maintaining a telephone tap on the telephone of the Amusement Games & Novelty Company (Star Vending Company), 514 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, which is the business address of Joe and Ben Fretti, who are prominent in the gambling activities in Toledo.

Special Agents R. A. Guerin and N. S. Harzenstein have been maintaining the telephone tap on the telephone of Maxine Belmont Thomas, who is prominently engaged in the vice racket in Toledo, Ohio. Special Agent A. J. Norstrom relieved Special Agent N. S. Harzenstein on this assignment, on September 16, 1936.

Special Agent J. L. Madala departed from Toledo, Ohio, the morning of September 12, 1936, and Special Agent V. E. Criss departed from Toledo, the evening of the same date.

Some of the conversation overheard over the above mentioned telephone taps, as appear to be significant to this investigation, are being included in this report.



The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents John L. Madala, V.E. Criss and J.V. Murphy:

Inasmuch as Gertie Billeter Miller, wife of Harry Campbell, furnished information to the effect that Alvin Karpis and Milton Lett visited Harry Campbell at the apartment of Edward and Clara McGraw, 2011 1/2 Adams Street, on frequent occasions, and since the McGraws on previous interviews had with them failed to identify the photographs of Karpis and Lett, Inspector E.J. Connelley instructed that they be again interviewed relative to this matter, and in doing so to give them the impression that Karpis and Campbell furnished the above information, rather than to lead them to believe that the same came from Mrs. Miller.

On September 11, 1936 agents brought Clara and Ed McGraw to the temporary office of the Bureau at Toledo, where they were interviewed separately by Agents John L. Madala, V.E. Criss and J.V. Murphy. They were both informed that the Bureau was successful in developing considerable, additional information against them since they were last interviewed, and that they now have the opportunity to make a clean breast of the entire matter, if they in fact are innocent parties in the case, in that they roomed and boarded Harry Campbell without knowing who he actually was, as they claim. The following statements were secured from Clara and Ed McGraw, the originals of which are being retained in the Cleveland Bureau Office files:

Toledo, Ohio  
September 11, 1936

"I, CLARA MCGRAW, make the following free and voluntary statement to V.E. Criss and John L. Madala, whom I know to be special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice. No threats or promises have been made to me, and I know that what I have to say may be used against me.

"My husband, Edward McGraw, and I have lived at 2011 1/2 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio since September 1, 1933. At this address we have eight rooms which we rent to transients. In other words, if a man accompanied by a woman came there for a room, I would not hesitate to rent him one.

"About two or three weeks before Mother's Day, which was on May 12, 1935, I came home from a shopping tour, and when I entered our apartment I observed a man and woman sitting in the living room with my husband. He introduced them to me

as Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brown. They were ready to go when I came in, and after they left I asked my husband who they were, and he said that he didn't know; that they had one of our calling cards, and engaged a room that afternoon. I asked my husband where this man got our card, and he said he got it from a friend of ours, not indicating who.

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"Around three or four days later on a Sunday, this man returned to our apartment, and this time he was alone. My husband and I were both home on this occasion. We served him a couple of bottles of beer, and during the course of the afternoon he asked me whether I would care to rent him a room by the week, and I told him that I would be glad to have him. It was agreed that he pay me \$7.00 per week for room and board. However, after he came to live at our place, he generally paid me \$10.00 a week.

"I have been shown a photograph of Harry Campbell, and after reading about this man's arrest in the newspapers, I now know him to be identical with the man above referred to, and whom I first met as Bob Brown.

"In the evening of the same day we had conversation about renting Campbell a room, he returned with his baggage. He did not indicate as to how long he would live at our place, and it was at this time that he told us he was a road contractor. I recall that he said he was living in a hotel in Toledo, and that he was moving away from there because he didn't like living in hotels. He also told us at this time that he was working out of Cleveland, and indicated that he had a road construction project active in that town.

"About two weeks after Bob Brown, meaning Harry Campbell, commenced to live at our apartment, he met Gertrude Billeter who later became his wife. As I recall the circumstances of this meeting, I met Gertie going upstairs to our apartment. I was out shopping that afternoon. I don't know now whether Gertie came to our apartment on a call from my husband, or whether she came there on her own accord to use the telephone. I do recall, however, that I introduced Campbell to her as Bob Brown. He wanted her to go to the bedroom with her that afternoon, but inasmuch as she was menstruating they didn't.

"Gertie remained at the apartment for only a short while that afternoon, as she had to go to work. I overheard Campbell make a date with her for that following Saturday, asking her to meet him at our place. She came to the apartment that

Saturday afternoon and associated with him, and a few days later she began to live with him at our place until they were married on May 29, 1935. During the above period Gertie never asked me anything about the man whom she met as Bob Brown, and I never volunteered anything to her about him. I recall that when I first introduced Campbell to Gertie I told her that he was my cousin, and I have no explanation as to why I did it.

"Shortly after Gertie met Campbell they talked about getting married. They decided to get married at Bowling Green, Ohio, and I do not know why they chose this town in which to get married. My husband and I agreed to be witnesses to their marriage, and before we went to Bowling Green, Ohio, on their wedding day we stopped at Weston, Ohio to see a Mr. Livingston who is an old friend of my husband. I don't know why we went to see him, and after we introduced Gertie and Bob to him, he drove us to Bowling Green, Ohio in his car. I don't know why Mr. Livingston accompanied us to Bowling Green, other than that for the reason to pose as Gertie's uncle, in order that Gertie and Bob would not have to wait the five days which is required by law in the state of Ohio.

"After Gertie and Bob were married they continued to live at our apartment until June 13, 1935, when they purchased a house trailer, and went to live in it at her mother's place on Hill Avenue.

"I have been shown a photograph of Alvin Karpis, both front and profile views and I definitely state that the man represented in this photograph never visited my apartment during the period Harry Campbell resided there from possibly April 28, 1935 to June 13, 1935, at which date Gertie and Campbell moved from my apartment. I do not know any man by the name of Sonny.

"I have also been shown a photograph of Milton Lett, three different views, Akron, Ohio, 26337, 10-20-35, and I definitely state that the man represented in this photograph never visited my apartment during the same period, as above set out. I do not know any man who resembles this photograph who goes by the name of Bill.

"A photograph of Sam Coker, #14023, was shown to me, and I positively identify the same as a man whom I know as Tommy Pratt. I recall that I first met this individual shortly before he was supposed to go to the hospital. As I recall this occasion, Campbell and Gertie brought him to our apartment. He got exceedingly drunk that night, and stayed overnight. I

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recall he was staying at the Lorraine Hotel at this time. Shortly after Tommy or Sam Coker left the hospital, Campbell came to me and asked whether it would be alright with me to have Tommy live with us, stating that he was still very sick and had to have certain meals prepared for him, which I could do. Both my husband and I agreed to give him room and board. Tommy lived with us up until the latter part of April, 1936, when he moved away without giving us any prior notice. Tommy and Harry Campbell were good friends from what I could see.

"Gertie and Campbell returned to live with us in October, 1935, and continued to live there until they moved into their apartment on Monroe Street.

"I definitely state that neither Alvin Karpis nor Milton Lett, whose photographs were shown me visited Harry Campbell at our apartment during the period they lived there the second time. I also definitely state that I never saw these individuals, drank beer or whiskey with them, or ever rented a room to them overnight.

"I recall that Harry Campbell had a car with yellow wire wheels which he wanted to trade in on a new car through Glen Kneisel, a used car dealer, whom I have known for 25 years. I recall that I referred Campbell to Glen Kneisel. Around the time Gertie and Campbell purchased their new car, I asked them what had happened to the car with the yellow wire wheels, and Campbell told me that he sent it down to Florida with a load of slot machines.

"I wish to state that I honestly believed that Harry Campbell, whom I knew as Bob Miller, was a road contractor up until the winter of 1935 when Gertie told me on one occasion that he was in the slot machine business, further stating that he had these machines in small towns surrounding Toledo, but that he did not have any in Toledo.

"I recall that during the time Harry Campbell lived at my apartment, he would generally get up around 9:00 or 9:30 A. M., eat breakfast, and thereafter he and Gertie would go out riding around one and two o'clock in the afternoon. They would generally return to the apartment around 5:00 o'clock in the evening, eat dinner, and then leave at 7:30 P. M. Campbell at no time told me when leaving the apartment that he was going to work.

"I don't recall Campbell ever being away from the apartment while he and his wife were living there, for a period of a week.

"The name of Joe Roscoe was mentioned to me by Agents Criss and Madala. I recall that I met this individual on only one occasion, and that was two or three months after my husband and I moved to 2011½ Adams Street. He came to the apartment to see my husband, and stayed about one-half hour, having two or three bottles of beer with him while he was there. I was introduced to him by my husband, and as I recall met him as Joe. After he left, my husband told me that this man was Joe Roscoe, and indicated that he has known him a long while. I don't recall whether my husband gave Joe Roscoe any of my calling cards on this occasion. I recall that Roscoe spoke broken English. I also recall that my husband occasionally would say to me that he was going to see Joe Roscoe about a job at the 42nd Street Cafe as a bartender, but I don't think that he ever went,

"I wish to state that I have had the Toledo Daily Times and the Toledo Daily Blade delivered to my apartment every day, since we moved to 2011½ Adams Street, in September, 1933. These newspapers are read by my husband and myself, my husband reading them more thoroughly than I.

"I have read the foregoing statement, which consists of four typewritten pages, and I swear that the same is true in every respect and detail.

WITNESSES:                    /s/ MRS. CLARA MCGRAW  
John L. Madala  
V. E. Criss  
Special Agents,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Addendum: I have affixed my signature and date on the back of the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Milton Lett, which signifies that these photographs were shown me by Agents Criss and Madala, and I could not identify them.

/s/ MRS. CLARA MCGRAW."

"Toledo, Ohio,  
"September 11, 1936.

"I, EDWARD FRANCIS MCGRAW, make the following free and voluntary statement to J. L. Madala and J. V. Murphy, whom I know to be Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, without any threats or promises of immunity from prosecution, knowing that any statement I may make may be used against me.

"My name is Edward Francis McGraw, age 50 years, and married. I reside with my wife, Clara McGraw, at 2011 1/2 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio, where we operate a rooming house. I am not employed anywhere at present time. I have previously operated a saloon at different places in Toledo, also have operated a taxi cab company known at the time as McGraw Cabs, with my brother Steve McGraw, now deceased. I was convicted at Toledo, Ohio, in State Court for receiving stolen property - automobile tire - in year 1917, and was sentenced to serve one to seven years in Ohio State Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio. My inmate number was 45974. Of this sentence I served 13 months and was released on parole, which has since been made final and I have been restored my citizenship rights.

"In the early Spring of 1935 an unknown man and woman came to my rooming house and got a room, stayed about three-fourth of an hour and left. When they came to my place the man had one of my cards which I pass out to be given to persons who may want a room to bring a girl and who are known to be all right. When this same man came back to my rooming house the next day or possibly two days later, he came to the place alone and asked if he could rent a room as a regular roomer. I believe he gave the name of Bob Brown. This was about 1:30 or 2:00 PM. The next morning we invited him to eat breakfast with us, which he accepted, and he then asked about boarding with us, and he made the arrangements with my wife. I believe he agreed to pay \$7.00 or \$7.50 a week for board and room. He did not eat all his meals with us, but usually ate breakfast.

"I believe that possible the same day Bob Brown, whom I later learned was Harry Campbell, rented a room as a regular roomer, or it may have been the following day, he was at the house and Gertrude Billeter and Esther Goulet came to our house,

and I believe my wife was at the house at the time, but I do not recall whether I introduced Bob to the two girls or if it was my wife who introduced them.

"A couple days later Gertrude came back to our rooming house, but I don't know if it was at the request of Bob, and Bob and Gertrude went into a room together, stayed a while, and possibly a couple days later Gertrude came to our place to live with Bob, and lived with him about a week or more. As far as I know, Gertrude Billeter never made "dates" with other men or had a room with other men before at my house. After Gertrude and Bob had lived at our rooming house about a week or ten days, they told my wife and I they were going to Bowling Green, Ohio, to get married and wanted us to go with them. They asked me if I knew of anyone in Bowling Green, and I said I knew a man by the name of Jack Livingston in Weston, Ohio, which is in the same county as Bowling Green. The latter part of May, 1935, I believe on May 29th, Bob, Gertrude, my wife and I all drove to Weston, Ohio, in Bob's 1935 Ford coupe, and went to see Jack Livingston, and I told Jack that here was a young couple, meaning Bob and Gertrude, who wanted to get married. I do not recall that I ever asked Jack to fix it so they could get married. Jack Livingston told us that he would go with us to Bowling Green, Ohio, in his sedan. I do not recall that my wife introduced Bob to Jack Livingston as her cousin. Jack Livingston drove us to the Court House at Bowling Green, Ohio, and Jack talked to the judge, who issued a marriage license to Bob and Gertrude. Bob gave his name as Robert Miller, I believe, and address as 2011 1/2 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio. Gertrude stated her name was Gertrude Billeter and that she was raised in Toledo. After the marriage license was issued to Bob and Gertrude, Jack Livingston took us to the office of a Justice of the Peace in Bowling Green, but the J. P. was not in, so we went to another Justice of the Peace, who married Bob and Gertrude, which was witnessed by Jack Livingston, my wife Clara and I, and we signed the marriage certificate as witnesses. Jack drove all of us back to Weston, Ohio, where we changed to Bob's Ford coupe and Bob, Gertrude, my wife and I drove to Maumee, Ohio, en route to Toledo, where we had dinner at the Serine Hotel, then proceeded on to my rooming house in Toledo, where I got out of the car, and Bob, Gertrude and my wife drove away, and I later learned they went to the Granada Gardens on Monroe Street, which is operated by Jim Coleman.

"Bob and Gertrude lived at our rooming house about a week or two, then they bought a house trailer and they moved out to her mother's home along side of the "Dugout" on Hill Street, just



outside of the city limits of Toledo, and Bob and Gertrude lived in the house trailer there until the fall of the year 1935, when it commenced to get cold, then they moved back with my wife and I at 2011 1/2 Adams Street. They lived with us about two or three weeks, then they moved to an apartment in the 2100 block on Monroe Street near Goulet's Grill. While Bob and Gertrude were living at my place the only automobile I ever saw Bob have was the 1935 Ford coupe, black color. I never saw Bob with a Hudson coupe.

"While Bob and his wife Gertrude were living at my place before they moved over on Monroe Street I never saw any men come to visit with Bob. I have been shown photographs of two men, whom I have been told are Alvin Karpis and Milton Lett, and I deny that I ever admitted them to my place to see Bob Miller (Harry Campbell), and deny that I ever drank beer with Karpis and Lett at my house or that they ever stayed over night at my rooming house at any time.

"While Bob and Gertrude were living on Monroe Street, and about the first part of December, 1935, a man came to my rooming house and said he was a friend of Bob Miller and that his name was Tommy Pratt. I have been shown a photograph of Sam Coker and I have identified same as the man who said his name was Tommy Pratt. Tommy engaged a room with board. Later on Bob and Gertrude came over to my place, and they usually ate Sunday dinner with us as friends. Bob and Tommy often talked together, but I do not know what they talked about.

"I deny that Milton Lett, whose photograph I have been shown, has ever stayed overnight at my rooming house at 2011 1/2 Adams Street the latter part of April, 1936, while Tommy Pratt was living there, or at any other time.

"Tommy Pratt moved his baggage from my place, going out the back way. He moved about ten days before Harry Campbell, whom I knew as Bob Miller, was arrested on May 7, 1936. I do not know where Tommy moved to; he might have moved over to Bob's apartment or out to home of his girl friend, a nurse living on Arcadia Street, Toledo, Ohio.

"I deny I knew the true identity of Bob Miller or that his name was Harry Campbell. I am acquainted with and know Joe Roscoe, who lives in Toledo. Roscoe was never at my rooming house to my knowledge, and I never was in the 42nd Street Cafe on Broadway. It has been about a couple years since I talked to Joe Roscoe, and I believe that on that occasion it was in a beer place on St. Blair and Jackson Streets, Toledo.

"While Tommy Pratt was living at my rooming house at 2011<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Adams Street he would have me call a cab for him on several occasions, and I usually called a Red Cab. However, I recall that on one occasion I called a Private Cab for him. The Private Cabs are operated by a man named Frank Greenwald, of Toledo.

"I have read the above statement, consisting of this and two other pages, and state that same is true and correct, and that I have told everything that I know about this matter.

WITNESSES  
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J. L. Madala  
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U. S. Department of Justice,  
1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

EDWARD FRANCIS MCGRAW stated to Special Agents J. V. Murphy and V. E. Criss that he has read the above statement, and it is a true statement of facts to best of his knowledge, but declines to sign this statement until he has first talked to his attorney.

J. V. Murphy  
V. E. Criss,  
Special Agents."

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It will be noted that Edward McGraw refused to sign his statement after he read the same, stating, however, that the same was true and correct to the best of his knowledge and recollection. He further advised Agents Murphy and Madala that that is the story he will tell in the courtroom if and when he goes to trial for harboring Campbell.

It will be noted that Edward McGraw admitted that he has known Joe Roscoe for many years, stating that at the time he and his brother were in the taxicab business in Toledo, Ohio, he frequently drove Roscoe in his cabs. He stated that he last saw Roscoe several years ago on the street, and strenuously denied that he ever visited him, McGraw, at his apartment, although it will be noted that his wife advised that Roscoe visited their apartment shortly after they moved to 2011<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Adams Street, on which occasion he talked and drank with her husband for about one-half hour.

This bit of evidence appears to be very important as there is some indication that Joe Roscoe "planted" Harry Campbell in McGraw's apartment shortly after Karpis and Campbell escaped from the police at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

It is also pointed out that both Mr. and Mrs. McGraw strenuously denied that both Alvin Karpis and Milton Lett ever visited Harry Campbell at their apartment during the time the latter resided there, although Gertrude Billeter Miller was positive in her statement that these individuals visited Campbell on several occasions during which times they talked and drank with the McGraws, and on some occasions they stayed overnight in the front bedroom of the apartment. These denials clearly indicate the probability that the McGraws knew the identities of the persons concerned, and in this connection possibly have in mind that they might incriminate themselves should they admit their visits to the apartment.

Attention is also invited to the variances in the statements above set out with those which are contained in the report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated June 13, 1936, particularly to those portions which relate to the circumstances as to how they, Ed and Clara McGraw, first met Harry Campbell.

Mrs. Clara McGraw freely admitted that she operates a "call house" at 2011 1/2 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio, and that Bertie Billeter and Esther Goulet filled "dates" at her apartment on calls from her. She would not furnish the names of any other girls called by her in the past, stating that she did not want them to become involved in this matter. She stated that the girls usually charged whatever they could get from the men who would hire them, and that they were not compelled to give her any portion of their proceeds, stating that she made her money by charging them rent for the room.

Photographs of Fred Hunter, John Brock, and others were also displayed to both Mr. and Mrs. McGraw, and they advised that the same were unfamiliar to them.

The photographs of Alvin Karpis and Milton Lett which were shown to Mrs. Clara McGraw, and on which she affixed her signature certifying that she definitely was unable to identify them are being retained in the Cleveland Bureau office files for future evidential value.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, September 5, 1936, quoting statement of Frank P. Greenwald, in which he stated that he mentions that he identifies photographs of Dr. Moran and Jimmy Wilson as persons he hauled in his taxi to 1628 Collingwood Avenue where he believed they resided.

Special Agent J. V. Murphy, on September 8, 1936, interviewed Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Dusseau at the Oakwood Apartments which is on Oakwood Avenue near the corner of Collingwood and in the rear of 1628 Collingwood Avenue, which location is the Hampden Apartments. Mr. Dusseau stated he is the manager of the Hampden, The Oakwood and The Condon Apartments, located at 1624 and 1628 Collingwood Avenue and at the corner of Collingwood and Oakwood Avenues, respectively and assumed the duties of manager of these apartments on May 16, 1934; that prior to that time these apartments were managed by a man named Jack Macklin whose present address he, Dusseau, does not know.

Mr. Dusseau stated that at the time he assumed charge of these apartments there were a number of undesirable tenants in same and shortly after taking charge of the management he cause twenty-one tenants to move and as his register is not intact for the year 1934, he is unable to state the names of all the tenants during April or May 1934.

Photographs of all members of the Karpis-Barker gang were exhibited to both Mr. and Mrs. Dusseau and both state they are unable to identify any of them as being tenants of either the Hampden, The Oakwood or the Condon Apartments, although the photographs of Dr. Moran and Jimmy Wilson appear to be familiar. Mrs. Dusseau stated that she would endeavor to locate the rent receipt books for the three apartment buildings covering the year of 1934 and would endeavor to identify from recollection the persons shown therein as renters. Mrs. Dusseau stated that Jack Macklin was ill for several weeks just prior to May 16, 1934, when he left as manager of the above referred to apartments and she doubts very much if he would recall the persons who were tenants in either of the apartment buildings during April or May 1934.

On September 15, 1936, Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy again interviewed Mrs. Dusseau at the Oakwood Apartments, Toledo, Ohio, who produced the rent receipt stubs for April, May and June, 1934. She stated that according to her recollection there were two men and a woman occupying Apartment C, Hampden Apartments, 1628 Collingwood Avenue from early part of May to first part of June 1934 and according to the recent receipt stubs, which she displayed to agents, same reflects that this apartment was rented to James Rogers, who rented same on May 10, 1934 and paid two weeks in advance and deposited \$2.50 for safe return of linen in the apartment; that according to her recollection a woman, whose name she does not know, and of whom she has little recollection as to description, paid the rent on this apartment from May 25, 1934

to June 8, 1934, and when that period expired and the rent was not paid Mrs. Dusseau stated she and her husband entered the apartment and found the tenants had left without notice and they have never called for the return of their \$2.50 linen deposit. Mrs. Dusseau stated the rent receipt stubs indicate that Apartment C in Hampden Apartments was occupied prior to May 10, 1934 by a tenant named R. H. Gilmour, who moved in on April 11, 1934 and paid until May 11, 1934 but left a day or two before and called and obtained the linen deposit left when the apartment was rented. The receipt stubs indicate that Mr. Gilmour paid his rent to Mr. George P. Lutz, owner of the apartment but Mrs. Dusseau stated she is sure Mr. Lutz would not recall this party as he has in a number of cases been unable to recall who the tenants are at present in his apartment buildings, leaving the management of same entirely up to the building manager.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, October 1, 1934, incorporating statement of Jimmy Wilson, who states that Russell "Slim" Gibson and his wife, Clara Gibson, had an apartment during May 1934 at either 1765 or 1825 Collingwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

On September 12, 1936, Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy interviewed Mr. J. Carpenter, employee of Sweeney Sound Equipment Company, located on the first floor of house at 1825 Collingwood Avenue. He stated the Sweeney Sound Equipment Company rented and moved into 1825 Collingwood Street in February 1935 and have occupied this location since then, although they sub-rented the upstairs to a family who have been in the upstairs apartment since the latter part of February 1935. Mr. Carpenter stated that the house is rented by the J. R. Schackne Company, Producers Exchange Building, and Mr. H. T. Rosacrans of that company handles the renting of the property and they would likely be in a position to advise the names of the former tenants of 1825 Collingwood Avenue.

Mr. J. R. Schackne of the firm J. R. Schackne Company, Producers Exchange Building, Toledo, Ohio, was interviewed and after consulting his records, stated that the property at 1825 Collingwood Street was rented and occupied by the Lewis Studio during the year 1934 and that the Lewis Studio, which is operated by Mr. David Fetzer, likely occupied the main floor of the building and rented the upstairs to others.

Mr. and Mrs. David Fetzer were interviewed by agents at the Lewis Studio, located at 2456 Monroe Street and they stated they were located at 1825 Collingwood Street, Toledo, Ohio, during the year 1934 and up until February of 1935; that they had a photographic studio on the main floor of the house at 1825 Collingwood and sub-rented the upstairs to three different parties -- a Mrs. Lowwer and her brother, Mr. Merrell, and to two girls, one of whom was Miss Stochine who works for the city, civil service, and a Mr. and Mrs. Tom Clark; that all the upstairs tenants at 1825 Collingwood Street were people of good reputation and at no time were there any tenants in that building of questionable character, while they, Mr. and Mrs. David Fetzer, rented the property.

Photographs of members of the Karpis-Barker gang were exhibited to Mr. and Mrs. Fetzer and they advised that they are unable to identify any of them and none of them were ever tenants of the property at 1825 Collingwood Street while they rent that property in 1934 and 1935.

Investigation in the 1700 block of Collingwood Avenue, Toledo, develops there is no such number as 1765.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 5, 1936, in which is set out an interview with Mr. Edward Lamb, an attorney located in the Edison Building, stating that it is his opinion that his brother, Leighton Lamb, was a former Deputy Sheriff and that Leighton informed him that Tom Worland, a slot machine and pin ball operator in Lucas County, Ohio, was paying Sheriff James O'Reilly through his attorney, W. S. Thurstin who has an office in the Nicholas Building, Toledo, Ohio; that his brother was out of the city but as soon as he returned he would advise agents at Toledo, Ohio.

On September 11, 1936, Mr. Leighton Lamb called at the temporary office in Toledo and was interviewed by Special Agent J. V. Murphy. He stated that he is, at present, residing at 217 Linden Place, Toledo, Ohio; that he was a deputy sheriff under former Sheriff Joseph Zimmerman from 1929 to 1932, and prior thereto was Civil Clerk of the Municipal Court of Toledo, Ohio for a period of four years; that he is a Republican and when the Democratic Administration took office he was released from office. He stated that he is now employed by the Libby-Owens Glass Company in Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. Lamb stated that he knows Attorney W. S. Thurstin and that he heard he represented Tom Worland, Toledo, Ohio. He stated that he has no personal knowledge and has heard no rumor that Tom Worland makes a "payoff" to Sheriff James O'Reilly through Attorney W. S. Thurstin, but stated that it stands to reason that Tom Worland could not operate gambling in the place called the "Dugout" in Lucas County unless there was a "payoff".

Mr. Lamb further stated that while he was a Deputy Sheriff under former Sheriff Joseph Zimmerman, Lucas County, Ohio, he was never taken in on any "payoffs" although Joe Zimmerman and Clarence "Hinie" Hamberger, Zimmerman's collector, were collecting money from many and Zimmerman and Hamberger were convicted and sent to the Ohio State penitentiary for grafting in connection with the feeding of the prisoners. Leighton Lamb stated that he never served as a deputy sheriff under Sheriff James O'Reilly.

Leighton Lamb further stated that he knows Ted Angus as Ted was his foreman in 1922 at the old Willys-Overland automobile plant in Toledo. Lamb stated that he heard later that Ted Angus was a bootlegger and a "fixer" while he operated the Casino Club near Point Place, Ohio. He stated that he has no knowledge of any specific instances wherein Ted Angus acted as a "fixer". He stated that he visited the Casino Club in the summer of 1934 both during the day and at night on four or five occasions. He stated that he does not recall who accompanied him to the Casino Club but believes it was some of the deputy sheriffs under former Sheriff Joseph Zimmerman, with whom he associated. Lamb stated that he does not recall having seen a group of men at the Casino Club during his visits there in the summer of 1934 and after viewing photographs of members of the Karpis-Barker gang, stated that



he does not recall ever seeing any of them at the Casino Club in the summer of 1934 to get a couple of drinks, as that was a bootleg spot then, and after getting a couple of drinks they would usually leave the club and did not mix with anyone who might be in the club at the time they visited same.

Mr. Lamb stated that he never met Jimmie Hayes, although, as a deputy sheriff, he has been to Hayes' house as many as fifty times to serve papers on Jimmie Hayes and Mrs. Hayes. He stated that he has no personal knowledge regarding the gambling operations of Jimmie Hayes in Toledo. With regard to "payoffs", which might be paid to police officers and others by gambling houses to allow them to operate openly as they are now operating in Toledo, Mr. Lamb stated that while he has no knowledge of any "pay off", there must be some sort of a "payoff" or the gambling houses would not be running wide open in Toledo.

Mr. Lamb stated that he is not personally acquainted with Joe Roscoe and he has never been to Middle Island, which is operated by Roscoe.

Mr. Lamb, at the end of the interview, stated that he expects to see a Republican Administration in Toledo and Lucas County, Ohio, next year, in which case he has hopes to again secure a position with either the county or city government. It appears that if Mr. Lamb has any information concerning "payoffs" in Toledo or Lucas County to allow gambling to operate openly, he would not disclose same as it might interfere with his chances of securing a position in the county or city government should the Republications come into office next year.

The following articles were observed in the Toledo Daily Times, final edition, by Special Agents R. A. Guerin and M. J. Kavanagh:

August 12, 1934 Paducah, Ky. (AP) Alvin Karpis is captured. Articles describes capture of man identified as Alvin Karpis. Police refused to disclose Karpis' identity until after study of fingerprints.

September 8, 1934 Point Place Woman Linked in Kidnaping. Mrs. Wynona Wolcott, 22, of 131st Street, Point Place, arrested in Cleveland, charged with being suspicious person in connection with alleged association with two men wanted for kidnaping of Edw. G. Bremer and William Hamm, Jr.

The fugitives Arthur Barker, Alvin Karpis, and Fred Brewer, the first two wanted for two kidnapings in St. Paul, apparently had been living in Cleveland for weeks. The woman with two others who identified themselves as Mrs. Ethel Matterson, 31, Cleveland, and Mrs. Gladys R. Sawyer, 38, St. Paul, were arrested Wednesday night after a brawl in a fashionable downtown Cleveland hotel, in which they struck a policewoman who tried to quiet them.

October 27, 1934 Summary of kidnaping cases and results obtained by Department of Justice. Karpis and Barker gang still at large.

February 8, 1935 Pittsburgh, Kansas (AP) Jess Doyle, Bremer kidnap suspect captured.

The following articles were observed in the Toledo Blade, final home edition, by Special Agents R. A. Guerin and M. J. Kavanagh:

October 26, 1935 Gang physician slain by pals. Karpis doctor drowned near Toledo in 1934, Chicago paper says. Article stated that Dr. Moran was drowned by pals according to copyrighted story appearing Friday in The Chicago Daily News.

November 8, 1935 Garrettsville, Ohio (AP) Search made for six mail car robbers: \$46,000 taken. A description of the holdup is given and a picture of Mrs. W. L. Scott, one of the witnesses is shown on first page.

November 19, 1935 Priest flays vice in Toledo. Rev. John E. Coogan, Professor of Sociology at St. John's University, classed Toledo as the worst city he has seen in 20 years as far as morals and vice are concerned.

He mentioned considerable soliciting, tapping, etc., especially in the vicinity of Summit and Cherry Streets. He intends to confer with city officials.

December 27, 1935  
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<sup>C.A.</sup>  
DID THESE UNSOLVED KIDNAPINGS INFLUENCE LINDBERGH (over photos of: George Meyerhauser, Wm. Mahan, Alvin Karpis, Mrs. Alice S. Stoll, Thomas Robinson, Jr., June Robles and her mother.)

Underneath photos reads as follows: Despite record of 122 kidnapers behind bars and 25 others waiting trial, Mahan, Karpis, Robinson and the kidnapers of Robles are still at large.

January 1, 1936  
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Kansas City, (INS)  
Karpis escapes in gun battle. The article refers to Karpis as a kill-crazy desperado and public enemy #1 whose pal Homer Fanning fell from running board of automobile being driven by Karpis. Karpis halted the pursuing police car with a burst from a machine gun.

January 8, 1936  
P. 1, Col. 6

St. Paul, Minnesota (AP)  
Edward G. Bremer weeps at kidnap trial of McDonald, Weaver and Sawyer as he testifies.

January 18, 1936

(AP) Picture of Terese Carmichael who testified she saw Cassius McDonald visit the Miami house of Alvin Karpis. She was nurse for Dolores Delaney.

January 18, 1936

Sandusky, Ohio. Mrs. Stella Willgrub, Sandusky, O. has just returned to her home after a visit to St. Paul, where she testified a dozen members of Barker-Karpis gang spent the summer of 1934 in a cottage along Lake Erie near Huron.

January 25, 1936  
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St. Paul, Minnesota. (INS)  
Three convicted of kidnaping. Harry Sawyer, Wm. Weaver were sentenced to life imprisonment for their connection with the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer. Cassius McDonald was convicted but his sentence was deferred until February 1st. Only Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell are still at large.

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Article by Robert Barlow, "It's in the Face"  
Photo of Alvin Karpis and John Dillinger. Article deals with similarity of features of criminal types noted.

The following are telephone calls which have been overheard on the telephone tap being maintained on the telephone of the place of business of Joe and Ben Fretti, 514 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, which calls appear to have some significance to the present investigation:

September 11, 1936 Incoming at 2:48 P. M.

Man calling Joe, is Ben there?  
Ben This is Ben talking.  
Man This is 115 Medlar (phonetic). Ben, there is a copper here who wants me to tell you to move the machines.  
Ben Let's see, your're pretty close to the school there, aren't you?  
Man Yeah, 400 feet.  
Ben Well, I tell you what to do. You tell him I'll be over there to move the machines, and you leave them there until we come, but tell him we will be over right away to move them.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent N. S. Harzenstein.

September 12, 1936 Outgoing at 10:16 A. M. Adams 4141 (police dept.)

Joe Fretti Talks to Detective Carl Hartung and asked him where he was last evening.  
Carl Hartung I went over to the Algeo to see a party.  
Joe I want to see you tonight, it's important.  
Carl OK.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd.

September 12, 1936 Incoming at 10:30 A. M.

Man Joe Fretti there?  
Man No he is not, can I have him call you?  
Man Tell him Lucas called, and have him stop over at the Radio Barn (police department)

The man Lucas mentioned in above conversation is evidently Officer William Lucas, located at the Toledo Police Radio Building. Lucas, according to previous conversations recorded in reports, has been furnishing the Fretti brothers confidential information regarding activities of the Police Department concerning slot machines and pin ball machines. The above conversation was overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd.

September 12, 1936      Outgoing at 11:40 A.M.    Adams 4141 (Radio Barn, Police Department)

Joe Fretti calling      Say, Lucas, did you call me, I just got in.  
Lucas                    Yeah, I got a few more spots for you, they are  
                         investigating all the spots.  
Joe                        I'll see you Monday morning if it's OK. What  
                         time will you be there?  
Lucas                    After 9:00 o'clock will do.

From the foregoing conversation it is evident that Police Officer William Lucas is keeping the Fretti brothers informed of locations of pin ball machines, illegally operated, which are to be subject of investigation by the Toledo Police Department, in order that the Fretti brothers may protect their interests and remove the machines illegally operated before they are confiscated. This conversation was overheard by Special Agent E.J. Dowd.

September 12, 1936      Incoming call at 1:38 P.M.

Man calling              Is Joe there?  
Ben Fretti                No, this is Ben  
Man                        This is Knudel (Police Officer), I'd like to have  
                         a talk with him.  
Ben Fretti                You want him to come over to the Barn (Police  
                         Radio Building)?  
Knudel                    Yes.

Knudel is a Toledo Police Officer, assigned to the Radio Building of the Police Department, and is apparently furnishing information to the Fretti brothers regarding activities of the Police Department concerning pin ball machines and slot machines. This conversation was overheard by Special Agent R.A. Guerin.

September 14, 1936.      Outgoing call at 2:15 P.M.    Adams 0165.

Joe Fretti calling      Let me talk to Bennie. (Evidently Bennie Harris)  
Man answering          Who is calling?  
Joe                        Joe.  
Ben answering          Hello!  
Joe                        Were them fellows up there today?  
Ben                        Yeah, Moss and Kershwick (phonetic) were just  
                         up here.  
Joe                        They ducked me. I'll see you after a bit.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent N.S. Harzenstein.

September 14, 1936      Incoming call at 2:19 P.M.

Man calling              (Thought to be Ben Fretti) Listen, he says he's  
                         coming back with Bobby.

Man answering (Thought to be Joe Fretti) I thought there was something wrong. Keep your eyes open for today. We'll see what's wrong.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent N.S. Harzenstein.

September 14, 1936 Incoming call at 3:30 P.M.

Man calling This is Guy, say Joe I just had a call from Bailey. He told me they are over there and got the machines out. I'm waiting on a truck now. I think it is Lucas.  
Joe Fretti No, it can't be Lucas for I just finished talking to him. I'll call and find out who it is.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent E.J. Dowd.

September 14, 1936 Incoming call at 4:38 P.M.

Man calling Joe, what do you know?  
Joe Fretti Oh, I got the bad news, I'm expecting them any time now. They were across the street (Superior Sports Center) this afternoon about 2:15.  
Man Yeah, I know that Fauble was there himself.  
Joe I'm going to see my party tonight at seven and see what I can do.  
Man Do you mean Vena?  
Joe No, not that guy, I'm going to wait there for Frank.  
Man Let me know when you hear something.  
Joe Better be on the lookout.

It appears from the above conversation that the Fretti brothers are interested in gambling, other than pin ball and slot machines, and the Fauble mentioned in this conversation is Captain Clarence Fauble, in charge of the Vice and Gambling Squad of Toledo Police Department. The Superior Sports Center is a gambling house, operating a large race horse book shop by Ben Harris. The Vena mentioned above is, no doubt, Clarence Vena, colored Republican politician and fixer. This conversation was overheard by Special Agent E.J. Dowd.

September 14, 1936 Incoming call at 4:41 P.M.

Man calling Say Joe, Chris, Moss and Klein are pinching the joint. Just arrived.  
Joe Fretti Christ sake! Didn't I tell you that I was expecting them any time; why the hell did you let them in. I'm coming right over.

Man  
Joe

The table was running  
I'll be right there.

The above conversation overheard by Special Agent E.J. Dowd.

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The following are telephone calls which have been overheard on the telephone tap being maintained on the business telephone of Joe and Ben Fretti, 514 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, and which appear significant to this investigation:

September 15, 1936 Incoming at 12:10 P. M.

Man calling Ben, this is John Cochrane, I have not received anything from you yet.  
Ben I have it in mind, I intend to see you Thursday.  
Man Why don't you send me something on the first one?  
Ben I'll take care of both of them Thursday.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd.

September 15, 1936 Incoming at 12:40 P. M.

Man calling (Sounds like Clarence Vena) Where is Joe?  
Ben He just stepped out, Clarence, I'll have him call you as soon as he comes in.  
Man He telephoned that he wanted to see me at one o'clock today. I'll wait for his call until then.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd. The person mentioned as "Clarence" in this conversation, is likely Clarence Vena, negro Republican politician, who has in the past acted as a "fixer."

September 15, 1936 Incoming at 3:30 P. M.

Man calling (Sounded like Clarence Vena) Ben, Joe asked me to call him.  
Ben He is over at a meeting at the Secor Hotel.  
Man OK, I'll get in touch with him there.

This conversation overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd.

September 15, 1936 Incoming at 3:55 P. M.

Man calling Ben, this is Tripp, I'll meet you in exactly four minutes on the corner of Monroe and Ontario.  
Ben OK, I'll be right over.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd. Inasmuch as the place where the tap is being maintained is only two blocks from the above mentioned place, and Agent Dowd recalling that Tripp's name came over the tap on this telephone in previous conversations, Agent Guerin, who was also present at the time, accompanied Agent Dowd to the designated meeting point, and there observed at four P. M. an old Overland sedan bearing Ohio 1936 plates 3844-C, and occupied by two local police officers in uniform. They parked the car on the north-

east corner and remained there about five minutes, in the meantime continually looking toward the east. After waiting about seven minutes they turned the car around and drove east on Monroe Street, and while being held up for a traffic light at Erie Street, Agents observed a short, stocky, swarthy individual proceeding west on Monroe Street on foot. He wore no coat or hat, had dark hair, and was wearing thick rimless glasses. The officers signaled this man and he crossed the street while the officers made a right turn on Erie Street, where the officers parked their car about fifteen feet from the intersection of Erie and Monroe. The man walking looked around, made a pretense of looking in window of car and engaged in conversation with the officers, lasting more than thirty seconds. He walked away and the car drove south on Erie Street, and the man walked east on Monroe Street in direction of Fretti brothers place. The man was not Ben Fretti, who is known to Agent Dowd. It is possible that this may have been Joe Fretti, whose identity is not known to either Agents Guerin and Dowd.

September 16, 1936      Outgoing at 9:55 AM (number called did not record)

Man calling      I want you to go over to the Waldorf Hotel with a truck and two men and ask for Mr. Gordon. Clean out a room there that has some tables in it for about a year and bring them over to 514 Monroe Street.

Man      OK, I'm expecting a truck in five minutes.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd.

September 16, 1936      Incoming at 1:55 P. M.

Man calling      Is Ben there?  
 Man      He's not in right now.  
 Man      Is Joe there, then?  
 Man      He left 15 minutes ago with Ben. He'll be back in 15 or 20 minutes. Bernie's here, if you want to talk to him.  
 Man      Let me talk to him.  
 Bernie      Hello  
 Man      Bernie, this is Harry Lyon, there are four guys down in my place now, just searched my place and found four quarts of liquor. They are waiting for me to come down now. What shall I do, go down and give myself up?  
 Bernie      Where are you now?  
 Harry      I'm at my house, one block from the store. My brother-in-law is down at the store. He called me and told me they are waiting for me.

Bernie I'll get hold of Ben and have him call you in about five minutes. What is your number there?

Harry The number here is MAIN 6800, but the phone is disconnected for incoming calls, I can only call out on it.

Bernie Well, I'll get hold of Ben and see what he says. You call back in five minutes. Who are the guys, do you know?

Harry I don't know whether they are state or city men.

Bernie We better know, it makes a difference.

Harry Maybe I had better go down and find out. If I give myself up will they take me down and book me and let me out on bail?

Bernie That's probably what they'll do.

Harry Maybe I can do myself some good if I go down there.

Bernie If they are city men you can.

Harry What do you think I ought to do about it?

Bernie Better call me in about five minutes.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent N. S. Harzenstein. It appears from the above conversation that the Fretti brothers are able to "handle" the Toledo police in connection with violations of law, and this conversation indicated that the Fretti brothers are the "fixers" in Toledo at the present time.

September 16, 1936 Incoming at 2:00 P. M.

Harry calling Bernie?

Man Yeah.

Harry (Likely Harry/Lyon) Find out anything?

Man What I would do if I was you

Harry (interrupting) Who is this, Ben?

Ben Yeah. Listen, walk down to the place and see who the fellows are. If they are state guys or who ever they are, you can't stay away from the place. If they arrest you get in touch with me and I'll arrange bond for you. You see who they are and call me up from there.

Harry Alright, Ben. I'll do that.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent N. S. Harzenstein.

September 16, 1936 Outgoing call at 3:01 P. M. (MAIN 6111)

Woman Hotel Waldorf

Man Mr. Smith Welsh, please

Mr. Welch Hello

Joe Fretti Mr. Welch, this is Joe Fretti, you met me the other day. I don't like to bother you, but Dixon in the front end, he agrees to a different proposi-

tion, and I wonder if I could take five minutes of your time and go over it with you.  
 Welch You mean the slot machines?  
 Joe Yes sir.  
 Welch There will be no slot machines in the lobby. I understand Dixon has some kind of blackjack game on his counter, and I don't care what he has there, but I'll not permit anything to be put in the lobby floor of the hotel. A hotel just can't be run that way, etc.  
 Joe Alright then, Mr. Welch, if the proposition is dead that is all I want to know, only we had a new machine at the Secor, and I thought .....  
 Welch (interrupting) Well the other hotels do things differently. We are making some changes here. I don't know what we'll do when we get around to change the downstairs.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent N. S. Harzenstein.

September 16, 1936 Outgoing at 2:31 (Main 6111 - Waldorf Hotel)

Joe Fretti Asks for Mr. Dixon and was told Mr. Dixon does not come down until 6 P.M. Joe then tells woman that he took up the proposition of putting the machines in the lobby and it was definitely turned down.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd.

September 16, 1936 Incoming at 3:45 P. M.

Man calling (Sounded like Clarence Vena) Asks Joe Fretti if he has time to meet him over at the hotel, and if so, that he, man calling, would leave his place right away.  
 Joe Stated that he would leave in five minutes.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent R.C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 5, 1936, incorporating statement of Ovel Webb, alias Phyllis Crawford, wherein she states that among other girls who made dates with and drank with members of the Karpis-Barker gang at the Casino Club, Point Place, Ohio, during the summer of 1934, was one Patsy Kelly, 1930 Franklin Street, Toledo, Ohio.

On September 14, 1936, Special Agents H.B. Dill and J.V. Murphy located Patricia Kelly at her residence, Apartment #7, 1930 Franklin Street, Toledo, and brought her to the temporary office at Toledo, where she was interviewed in detail and the following signed statement was made by her. The original of this statement is being retained in the files of the Cleveland Office:

"Toledo, Ohio  
Sept. 14, 1936.

"I, PATRICIA KELLY, make the following free and voluntary statement to H.B. Dill and J.V. Murphy, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice. This statement is made by me without any threats or promises of any kind having been made to me.

b7C "My name is Patricia Kelly, [redacted] My father and mother are deceased. I have no brothers or sisters. I am married to T.F. Kelly, who is manager of the Grill Room at the Algeo Hotel, Toledo. I reside with my husband and have for the past four years, at 1930 Franklin Avenue, Apartment #7. I have been married over seven years.

b7C "Shortly before I married my husband, or about eight years ago, I started answering call dates at the call house of Mrs. Luckey, in the 400 block of Dorr Street. Mrs. Luckey has not operated a call house for over five years. I also answered call dates at the call house of Jerry Burke who operated a call house in the 1200 block of Monroe Street, but has since left Toledo. I no longer answer call house dates, as my husband objects to it. [redacted]

[redacted] I have never been arrested at any time.

"I recall that I visited the Casino Club on Summit Street, near Point Place, during the Summer of 1934 on several occasions; that I went to that place with the man

escort with whom I had a call date, and we went there to get a couple of drinks, as the Casino Club in Summer of 1934 was a bootleg joint, and was operated by Ted and Bert Angus. After looking over a number of photographs of men, whom I have been told are members of the Karpis-Barker gang, I am unable to identify any of them as persons I may have been to the Casino Club with, or have seen while I was at that club. I do not recall ever having made or answered a call date with any of those whose photographs I have viewed. While I was at the Casino Club I do not recall ever having seen any men there who had any bandages on their hands or face, neither was there any one in the Casino Club who bought rounds of drinks for those in the club while I was there with my escort. At no time has Charley Becker, Cooley Monroe, Ted or Bert Angus, or any one else ever called me to come to the Casino Club to entertain any men, and never have I done so. I do not know Charley Becker or Cooley Monroe. I have only a speaking acquaintance with Ted and Bert Angus, and know them only because they operated the Casino Club and now the New Casino, and have spoke to them when I seen them there.

"I do not know Ludy Fleming. I know George Timiney only because I have seen his picture in the newspaper. I do not know him personally and never talked to him. I do not recall that I ever saw George Timiney at the Casino Club, nor any other police officers that I know of. On every occasion that I visited the Casino Club during 1934 with my man friend, we stayed only a short time, long enough to get a couple drinks, then left.

"I do not know Nig Cousins, Bill Kozman or Joe Roscoe, and have never been in the 42nd Street Cafe on Broadway, Toledo, Ohio. I have never been to Middle Island.

"I always read the True Detective magazine, and recall having read stories about the Karpis-Barker gang, and from photographs I have just viewed I picked out the photograph of Alvin Karpis which appeared in a story in the True Detective magazine. I also recall reading a story about a Doctor Moran being connected with this gang, but do not recognize his photograph as a photograph that appeared in any story in the True Detective magazine.

"I am acquainted with Philly Crawford and Jean Bennett. I am not friendly with either of them, and the last time I saw Jean Bennett was when I answered a call date at the Secor

Hotel, and Jean was there on the party. I do not know where Jean lives now, but about two years ago she was living at the first house next to Bud & Lukes restaurant on 20th Street between Madison and Jefferson Avenues. It has been over two years since I last saw Jean. Phyllis Crawford is living on Adams Street in the 1800 block. I do not know Billy Taylor. I knew a girl named Tillie, whose last name I do not recall. Tillie was a call girl at Jerry Burke's house on Monroe Street. I have never been on a date with Phyllis Crawford at the Casino Club.

"I have read the above statement, consisting of this and one other page, and the same is true and correct to best of my recollection.

/s/ Patricia Kelly

WITNESSES:

J.V. Murphy  
H.B. Dill  
Special Agents, Federal Bureau of  
Investigation, U.S. Department  
of Justice, 1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio."

It will be noted from the above signed statement of Patricia Kelly that she, after viewing photographs of members of the Karpis-Barker gang, states she is unable to identify any of them, particularly Jimmy Wilson, Doc Barker, Dr. Moran, Russell Gibson, Willie Harrison, Charles Fitzgerald, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, as persons whom she filled dates with, as mentioned by Phyllis Crawford (Ovel Webb). When Patricia Kelly was questioned as to whether or not she is acquainted with Phyllis Crawford and Jean Bennett, she stated that she knows both of them, but is not on friendly terms with them, and immediately stated that no doubt they, Phyllis Crawford and Jean Bennett, furnished the information that she partied with the members of the Karpis-Barker gang in order to cause her trouble. While Patricia Kelly appeared to be quite nervous while being interviewed, she was very emphatic in her denial that she ever made dates or partied at the Casino Club with above-mentioned members of the Karpis-Barker gang, and claims she at no time ever saw any of these men at the Casino Club.

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Reference is made to report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, September 5, 1936, incorporating statement of Oval Webb, alias Phillys Crawford, wherein she states that among other girls who made dates with and drank with members of the Karpis-Barker gang at the Casino Club, Point Place, Ohio, during the summer of 1934, was one Jean Bennett; that she did not know Jean Bennett's address, but thought she was still in Toledo.

Jean Bennett, who states her true name is Bessie Bowman, was located residing in Apartment No. 8, Seney Apartments, Sixteenth and Monroe Streets, Toledo, Ohio. She was brought to the temporary office in Toledo by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy where she was interviewed thoroughly about this matter and she made the following signed statements, the original of which is being retained in the files of the Cleveland office.

"Toledo, Ohio  
September 16, 1936

"I Jean Bennett, make the following free and voluntary statement to H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. I make this statement without any threats or promises of any kind having been made to me.

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"My name is Jean Bennett, that is, that is the name I am known to everyone as, but my true name is [REDACTED]. No one knows my true name except my immediate family, and I have always used the name Jean Bennett for the past ten years. I am 28 years old and was born in [REDACTED]. About 1924 I left Pennsylvania and went to Akron, Ohio, and obtained work in one of the rubber plants there. While there I met a young man, and we agreed to come to Toledo. Later I broke up with this young man, and in about 1929 I started practicing prostitution in a house operated by Peggy Johnson, who at that time operated a house at 139 North Erie Street, Toledo, and later moved to 111 N. Ontario Street, then to 715 Monroe Street. I worked in Peggy Johnson's house until some time in 1931. After that I started answering calls as a "call girl". I was married in February, 1929 to W. T. Lindemann, and divorced him in September, 1929, but never used his name and was always known as and used the name Jean Bennett.

"In the early part of May, 1934, I believe I was then living at 2019-1/2 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio, and one afternoon the early part of May, 1934 I received a telephone call from Phillys Crawford, who then had an apartment in the Mayville Apartments, 12th and Jackson Streets, Toledo. She asked me what I was doing, and when informed nothing, she asked me to come over to her apartment, which was on

the first floor. I knew by her asking me to come to her apartment that she had some men friends. I went over to Philly's apartment, where, in addition to Philly, there were two girls Tillie and Ruth and several men. I particular remember three of them. One of the men at Philly's apartment had a red Chow dog in his automobile, and brought it into Philly's apartment while we were there. I have been shown photographs of a number of persons, and I have picked out three of them as persons I identify as being at Philly's apartment this time. I have been informed the names of these three men are Jimmie Wilson, Dr. Joseph P. Moran and Russell Gibson. I particularly recall that Jimmie Wilson was called "Jimmie", and also remember the man Dr. Joseph P. Moran being called "Doc". I do not remember what name Russell Gibson was called. At this party at Philly's apartment we were all drinking and I stayed at the party until about 6:00 PM, when I left and returned to my apartment in a cab. When I left the party the others were still there and I don't know how long they remained. While I was there the girl "Ruth" drank quite a bit and got pretty "tight". While at the party at Philly's apartment I kept company with Jimmie.

"I have also been shown a photograph of a man and have identified same as the person I saw either at the party at Philly's Crawford's apartment, or at a party about a week later at the Casino Club near Point Place, Ohio. I am informed this is a photograph of Arthur "Doc" Barker.

"At the party at Philly's apartment in early part of May, 1934, Philly handled what money was spent for drinks and entertainment, and she gave me, as I recall, \$10.00 for the time I was there, which was about two hours.

"About a week after the party at Philly's Crawford's apartment in early part of May, 1934, Philly Crawford called me on the telephone and asked me to meet her at her apartment in the Mayville Apartments, to go to the Casino Club near Point Place, Ohio, with her and a girl called "Tillie". I went to Philly's apartment and met "Tillie" and Philly, at which time Philly told me we were going to the Casino Club to do some steady drinking, before we left Philly's apartment us three girls drank a whiskey glass of olive oil, then we called a cab and went out to the Casino Club. This was about eight or nine o'clock in the evening. When we arrived at the Casino Club there were a number of people in the place, but have no recollection as to who they were. I know that the Casino Club was operated by Ted and Bert Angus, but I did not see either Ted or Bert Angus when we arrived at the Casino Club. However, both of them came to the place before we left there early the next morning.

"When we arrived at the Casino Club we went in and sat down at a table and in a short time "Jimmie" Wilson came in and sat down with us and remained with us the rest of the evening. "Jimmie" was one of the boys we went to the Casino Club to entertain, and during the course of the evening there were as many as six other men came to our table and drank with us at various times, but I do not recall who they were. After being shown the photograph of a man whom I am told is Charles J. Fitzgerald, and after studying same I am of the opinion that his face looks familiar, and he may have been one of the men we drank with at the Casino Club that night. However, I cannot positively state that I met him at the Casino Club. I do not recall who the man was who left the Casino Club with the girl "Tillie" late that night, shortly before we, Phillys, "Jimmie" and I left. I also state that the photograph of "Doc" Barker is familiar to me, and I believe that I saw him either at the Casino Club this particular night, or it may have been at the party at Phillys' apartment about a week before. That night at the Casino Club we did a lot of drinking with "Jimmie" and his other friends, and about 2:00 AM when we got ready to leave the Casino Club we were pretty well organized.

"Shortly before we got ready to leave the Casino Club that night, an argument arose between Phillys and some one about money, and on account of the argument we, Phillys, "Jimmie" and I, did not get in the cab that came to Club for us, but "Tillie" and the man with her got in the cab and left. I do not know who the man was who left with "Tillie", but several days later I learned, but do not recall who informed me, that after "Tillie" and her man friend left the Casino Club in the cab, the man was a mean and abusive to "Tillie" and put her out of the cab and she had a hard time getting into the city at that time of the morning.

"I do not recall just how much Phillys and I received for entertaining "Jimmie" and his friends that night at the Casino Club, it might have been \$10.00 or \$15.00. The boys that night seemed to have plenty of money, altho I do not recall seeing any of those at the Casino Club flash any big rolls of money.

"As we did not get away in the cab that night with "Tillie" due to the argument over money, and as there were another cabs at the Casino Club at the time, which must have been around 2:00 A.M., "Jimmie" Wilson said he would take Phillys and I into Toledo in his Ford coupe. "Jimmie" was evidently angry over the argument, as well as pretty drunk, and on the way from the Casino Club to the City of Toledo "Jimmie" drove like a mad man. As we were coming into Toledo

on Huron Street near LaGrange, an automobile coming down LaGrange Street struck Jimmie's Ford a glancing blow and caused "Jimmie" to swerve over and strike a fire alarm box on a pole and break it off, which sent in a fire alarm. In this accident I received a slight gash on the top of my head, but Phillys and Jimmie were not injured, although Phillys fainted for a short time, and "Jimmie" had an accident in his trousers. Shortly after we hit the fire alarm box and the fire alarm went in, a police scout car with two police officers in it came to the scene of the accident. Also a fire truck came to the accident in answer to the alarm. In the Police Scout car was an officer whose first name is "Archie", but whose last name I do not know. "Archie" seemed to know Phillys, and shortly after the Police Scout car came to the accident, Police Officer whose first name is "Archie" took Phillys, Jimmie and I in the scout car to Phillys' apartment in the Mayville Apartments. I did not hear or see "Jimmie" have any conversation with the Police Officers at the accident or at the apartment of Phillys Crawford, and I did not hear "Jimmie" mention any particular name as his name either shortly before the accident or after the accident. I do not know what happened to the two cars which were involved in the accident. The last time I saw "Jimmie" he was in the bathroom of Phillys Crawford's apartment cleaning up after the accident. I left Phillys' apartment and returned to my apartment. This was the last time I ever went out on a party with Phillys Crawford, and the only time I was ever at the Casino Club while operated by Ted and Bert Angus as the Casino Club. Phillys Crawford never told me who called her to come to the Casino Club the night we three girls went there, and I did not ask her who called her.

"I do not know George Timiney or Art Langendorf personally, but they have been pointed out to me. I do not recall seeing either of them at the Casino Club the night we were at the Casino Club. I do not know Joe Roscoe, or Police Officers Tafelski, Mahalek and Chris Brennan. I do know Johnnie McCarthy, because he arrested me at one time, but I did not see him at the Casino Club the night I was there with Phillys and "Tillie". I have been informed that the date of the automobile accident at LaGrange and Huron Streets in May, 1934, was on May 16, 1934.

"I have never had any conversations with either "Tillie" or Phillys Crawford about the identity of the men at Phillys' party at her apartment, as well as those we partied with at the Casino Club in May, 1934. The party at the Casino Club with Phillys Crawford was the last time I was with her on a party. I have since seen "Tillie" at a party at the Secor Hotel, but have not seen "Tillie" for over a year. I understand she is now married, but I do not know who she married. I never knew "Tillie's" last name before she married.

"I recall reading in the newspapers about members of the gang who kidnaped a Mr. Bremer, being caught, and it was mentioned they had been in Toledo. I recall seeing photographs in the newspapers of some of the gang and recognized a photograph appearing in the paper of Dr. Moran. In another newspaper story there was a photograph of a girl with black hair whose last name was Burdette, and the story in the newspaper stated she was connected with the kidnaping gang. I have never met the Burdette girl. I also recall a photograph of Harry Campbell appearing in the Toledo newspapers in early part of this summer, when he was captured in Toledo on Monroe Street. I never met Harry Campbell that I recall. The stories appearing in the Toledo Newspapers was possible a year or more after we, Phillys, "Tillie" and I, was at the Casino Club on a party with "Jimmie" Wilson.

"I have read the above statement, consisting of three other pages and this one, and same is true and correct to best of my knowledge. I have placed my initials on this statement where any corrections appear."

"/s/ JEAN BENNETT"

"Witnesses:

J. V. Murphy /s/  
H. B. Dill /s/  
Special Agents, Federal Bureau of  
Investigation, U. S. Department  
of Justice, 1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio"

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Jean Bennett further stated that she is acquainted with Patsy Kelly, and several years ago she was on very friendly terms with her, but in recent years she has had very little to do with her, in view of the fact they have had a "falling out"; that she did not see Patsy Kelly either at the party at Phillys Crawford's apartment or when they had the party at the Casino Club in May, 1934. Jean Bennett stated that none of the men she met at Phillys Crawford's apartment or at the Casino Club had ever been at her apartment.

Jean Bennett further stated that she did not see the police officer called "Archie" or his partner at the Casino Club on the night they had the accident with the Ford coupe of "Jimmie" Wilson near La-Grange and Huron Streets, Toledo, Ohio; that they might have been at

at the Casino Club before she, Phillys and Jimmie left there in Jimmie's Ford coupe and she did not see them there.

Inasmuch as Jean Bennett stated that she had worked as a prostitute in a house of prostitution operated by Peggy Johnson in Toledo, Ohio, from 1929 to 1931, she was questioned in regard to her knowledge of any "payoff" being made to allow house of prostitution to operate openly without police interference. She stated she never knew of any "payoff" being made by the madams of house of prostitution and has no knowledge of such, although while working as a prostitute in the house of Peggy Johnson from 1929 to 1931, Peggy informed her, as well as other girls, to go ahead and work and they did not have to be afraid of the police raiding them. Jean Bennett stated, in view of this information being given her and other girls who were working in the house of Peggy Johnson, there no doubt was a "payoff" but she has no information concerning same. She stated that Peggy is no longer operating a house of prostitution in Toledo, Ohio and she does not know her address, although she understood that Peggy is working in some beauty parlor in Toledo. Jean Bennett stated that she has been arrested a number of times by the Toledo police under the name of Jean Bennett, as well as other names which she does not now recall, as she always gave a different name at each time of arrest; that the Toledo Police Department have her photograph and fingerprints.

On September 14, 1936, Special Agent H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy called at 1809-1/2 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio, where Ruth Fisher was located. Ruth Fisher advised agents that she had her tonsils removed at Monroe, Michigan, on September 12, 1936 and her throat was so sore that she was hardly able to talk and requested that agents call and interview her about a week later, at which time she expected to be in better physical condition. She will be interviewed thoroughly at a later date.



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On September 15, 1936, Mr. Owen Green was interviewed at his home, 818 Lincoln Street, Toledo, Ohio, by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy. On being questioned at length, Owen Green stated that he entered the service of the Toledo Police Department ten years ago, as a Uniform Police Officer; that he served two years as such, then was transferred to the Detective Bureau of the Toledo Police Department, and he has been in that bureau since; that he and his partner, Detective Ray Sheets, are assigned to the burglary detail.

Detective Owen Green stated that during the summer of 1934, the latter part he believes, he and his partner Ray Sheets, received a call from Mr. Vern Rowyer, a golf pro, at the Bay View Golf Course, Point Place, Ohio, which is near the location of the old Casino Club; that he and Sheets went to see Rowyer and Rowyer informed him there were some suspicious people who were preparing to purchase a gas boat at the Bay View docks, and this boat was being outfitted and prepared for service by a boatsman who lived in that vicinity; that Rowyer also informed them that while these men were in the immediate vicinity of the gas boat some one took a picture of the boat including these men. Owen Green stated that he suggested that Rowyer endeavor to learn who took the photograph and secure a copy of same for him which Rowyer promised to do, but apparently was unable to locate it as he never furnished them with same. Owen Green stated that Rowyer at the time he informed him about these men, stated that one of the men was called "Doc" and he informed Rowyer that this looked like good information as it looked like it might be Doc Barker and if these men were part of the Karpis-Barker gang the "catch" would mean money to them; that after having so informed Rowyer they decided not to make any investigation but wait upon information that Rowyer promised to furnish them as well as the copy of the photograph of men and the boat; that they never heard anything more from Rowyer and he believes the reason they did not hear anything further from Rowyer was because he apparently turned any information he may have secured over to some other officer in order that he, Rowyer, would participate in any rewards which might be paid. Green stated that shortly after Rowyer furnished the above mentioned information to him and Sheets, he, Green, went on his vacation and when he returned from same the matter received no further attention from him or Sheets.

Detective Green stated that he furnished the above mentioned from Rowyer to the Resident Agent of this Bureau at Toledo and another Special Agent of this Bureau whose names he does not now recall.

Investigation has already been conducted by Special Agents working at Toledo on the Brekid case, with reference to information furnished by Mr. Rowyer to Detectives Green and Sheets concerning an alleged photograph taken of some men who were purchasing a gas boat at the Bay View docks and were thought to be members of the Karpis-Barker gang. Investigation conducted by agents and so reported in previous reports, fails to develop that such a photograph was ever taken.

Detective Green stated that the next that he and his partner, Ray Sheets, had to do with conducting investigations of the Karpis-Barker gang was in the latter part of January 1935, when they and several other Toledo Police officers, at the request of Sheriff James O'Reilly's office, assisted by the sheriff and several deputy sheriffs in conducting a raid in Point Place, Ohio. Sheriff O'Reilly informed the police department a couple of days after the escape of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell from the police at Atlantic City, New Jersey, and after an automobile they had stolen was found near Monroe, Michigan, that he, O'Reilly, had received information to effect that Karpis and Campbell were located in a house in Point Place, Ohio near Toledo and after assisting in making the raid on this place and finding they were not there, they, Green, Sheets and the other police officers, returned to their duties at the Police Department in Toledo. Green stated that Sheriff O'Reilly did not state where he received his information that Karpis and Campbell were in Point Place, and O'Reilly did not participate in the raid, but several of his deputies did; that this was shortly after O'Reilly assumed the office of sheriff of Lucas County and his deputies who aided on the raid were exceedingly green men and knew little or nothing about conducting a raid, and on the way out to Point Place, Captain of Detectives William Ryman saw this condition and assumed charge of the raid, and instructed the various members of the raiding party as to their positions and duties and specifically instructed that no one go to the rear of the house, however, on approaching the house where the raid was conducted on 131st Street and at Point Place, one of the Deputy Sheriffs went to the rear of the house and was directly in his, Green's, line of fire, and in view of this and other blunders of the deputy sheriffs on this raid, it is a wonder that someone was not injured; that had any of the Karpis-Barker gang been in the place raided, there is no doubt in his, Green's, mind but what some of the raiding party would have been killed.

Green stated that the reason he did not conduct any further investigation of the information furnished him by Vern Rowyer was due to the fact that Rowyer never secured and furnished him the photograph of men and boat which Rowyer stated he heard was taken, and as he, Green, went on his vacation shortly thereafter, and after his return he did not receive any further information from Rowyer. He stated he concluded that there apparently was nothing to Rowyer's information and dismissed the matter from his mind, as his official duties were assigned on burglary investigations. Detective Green stated that at no time did any superior officer of the Toledo Police Department or anyone else instruct or request him to "lay off" the investigation regarding the members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

Detective Green stated that during the summer of 1934 George Timiney and Art Langendorf were officers in charge of the Hoodlum and Vice Squads, directly under the supervision of Timiney and Langendorf. Green stated he has never served on the Hoodlum and Vice Squads, although he has had the opportunity to be assigned to such squads but has avoided such assignment for the reason that it is generally believed that all members of these squads accept graft; that he has his future to look out for as he is still a young man and it is his belief that the men on these squads who have been taking graft will in time get "caught up with".

Detective Green further stated that from what he hears it is his belief that the "Payoff" on vice and gambling in Toledo goes directly to members of the Vice and Gambling Squads instead of to the "higher-ups", although Green could not furnish any information to substantiate his belief. He stated that up until City Manager Edy took office in the early part of 1936, the City of Toledo was "wide open" and prior to the investigation now being conducted by agents of this Bureau it was not a hard matter for the various officers to learn just who the "fix" was and who was getting the "dough"; that during prohibition it was generally known that Ted Angus was the "fixer" on everything illegal. He stated that George Timiney was very close to Ted Angus and is the "hook-up" to the Angus brothers. Also, Art Langendorf is a very close friend to the Angus brothers as well as Joe Roscoe, and Langendorf has spent many days at Middle Island fishing. Green stated that he is not personally acquainted with Joe Roscoe and has never been to Middle Island.

Detective Green stated that Chief of Police Ray Allen is an honest officer but a very weak executive and depends upon and is easily controlled by his subordinate officers. He stated that in his opinion Captain of Detectives Clarence Fauble, in charge of the Vice and Gambling Squad is an honest man but as he has not been

very active since he has assumed charge of the Vice and Gambling Squad, it appears that likely some one higher up has hampered Fauble's activities. Detective Green could not and would not give any further reasons for his belief.

During the interview with Detective Green, inquiry was made as to Sergeant Knudel and William Lucas, who are officers of the Toledo Police Department and whose names have been mentioned on numerous occasions with reference to the tap on the telephone of the place of business of Joe and Ben Fretti, 514 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio. Detective Green stated that Sergeant Knudel has charge of the radio equipment at the Toledo Police Radio Building; that it is his opinion that both officer Knudel and officer Lucas are honest men; that he had no reason to believe otherwise and that he has never heard anything to the contrary. Green stated that Lucas' duties were to issue city license in Toledo.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, dated August 22, 1936, page 26, wherein Captain of Detectives William Rydman, Toledo Police Department, stated that he had been told by Detective Owen Green that in the summer of 1936 a Uniformed Policeman had started to give a parking ticket to a gangster whom he, Rydman, thought Green had told him was a member of the Karpis-Barker gang; that the gangster had talked the patrolman out of giving him the ticket. With reference to this, Detective Green stated that he recalled that incident well; that the patrolman, whose name Green did not mention, started to give "Vaciano" who was a member of the Licovoli gang, a ticket for a traffic violation; that Vaciano talked the patrolman out of giving this ticket and that later he talked to this patrolman and told him that Vaciano was wanted for murder; that this patrolman informed numerous persons that this man Vaciano was wanted by the Toledo Police for murder, which resulted in this man leaving town, but was later caught and sentenced to the electric chair.

Detective Owen Green appeared to be willing to cooperate and stated that at any time he could assist agents of this Bureau he would gladly do so.

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On September 15, 1936, Detective Owen Green was interviewed at his home, 818 Lincoln Street, Toledo, by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy, which interview is set out above in this report.

On September 17, 1936, Special Agents Dill and Murphy called at the residence of Detective Ray Sheets, 1940 Lawrence Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, where Agents were informed by Mrs. Sheets that her husband is at present on his vacation and would not be home until the latter part of the evening. She stated, however, that Agents might locate her husband at a billiard parlor located near the corner of 6th and Main Streets.

Detective Ray Sheets was located at the above-mentioned billiard parlor, where he was interviewed by Agents. Detective Sheets stated he has been in the service of the Toledo Police Department for the past fourteen years, the past eight years of which he has been assigned to the burglary detail of the Detective Bureau; that he has been designated as a detective only for the past year, and the balance of his service he was carried on the payroll as a patrolman.

Detective Sheets furnished substantially the same information regarding this matter as did Detective Owen Green, reported above in this report, except that he stated he received his information from "Dutch" Renz regarding some suspicious persons attempting to buy a boat at the Bay View docks; that "Dutch" Renz was an employee at the Bay View golf course, and was formerly an expert golfer, but no longer plays golf due to an injury received in an accident, although he is still employed at the golf course caddy house selling tickets, etc. Detective Sheets stated that "Dutch" Renz informed him that some one had taken a photograph of these men and a boat they were going to purchase, and "Dutch" was going to secure a copy of the photograph as well as further information regarding these men; that "Dutch" evidently got "cold feet" about the matter, and he and Owen Green heard nothing further from him, and as such matters were not a part of their designated duties - burglary detail - they made no investigation and dropped the matter.

Detective Sheets stated he did not talk with Vern Royer, although it is possible that his partner, Owen Green, did have conversation with Royer regarding this matter. He stated that he and his partner, Owen Green, visited the Casino Club on several occasions during the summer of 1934, but did not see any one there at the time, who excited his suspicions. He stated further that he and his partner, Owen Green, did assist in conducting a raid, with the Sheriff's force, in Point Place, Ohio, in the latter part of January, 1935, but made no further investigation regarding the Barker-Karpis gang.

Detective Sheets stated that a couple years ago Ted Angus, with whom he is acquainted, was generally known to the "fixer" in Toledo, with reference to prostitution and bootlegging, although he was unable to furnish any information in substantiation of this statement. He stated that prior to the death of Jimmie Hayes, it was generally known that Hayes was the "fixer" in connection with gambling in Toledo. He stated that he has no information regarding any pay off at the present time, and does not know who, if anyone, has supplanted Ted Angus and Jimmie Hayes as the "fixers" in Toledo; that he believes there is still a "pay off" being made to persons in Toledo to allow prostitution and gambling to operate openly, but was unable to furnish any reasons for his belief.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Toledo, Ohio, will continue the investigation in accordance with previous leads set out, and as other leads are being set forth by memorandum to the investigating Agents, these leads are not being set out in this report.

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ALLEN, RAY	P#40	FUJITI, BOB	P#2
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CLUB	P#2	ROBERTY	P#13
ANDERSON, TED	P#16	GIBSON, CLARA	P#14
BARTLEY, ONE	P#22	GILMOUR, R. H.	P#14
BELDEN, ROBERT	P#19	GARDON, ONE	P#25
BAY VIEW GOLF COURSE	P#33	GOULET, ESTHER	P#8
BICKEL, CHARLEY	P#29	GRANADA, GARDENS	P#9
BELMONT, JIM	P#29	GREEN, OWEN	P#30
BELMONT, GEORGE	P#3	GREENWALD, FRANK	P#11
BOWMAN, BESSIE	P#31	GREENWALD, FRANK F.	P#13
BRENNAN, CHRIS	P#34	HAEGER, CLARENCE	P#16
BRENNAN, FRED	P#18	HAEGER, MILIE	P#16
BROWN, JOHN	P#12	HAIN, WILLIAM, JR.	P#13
BROWN, BOB MRS.	P#4	HARRIS, DENNIS	P#21
BUD AND LUKAS	P#30	HARTING, CARL	P#20
BURKE, JERRY	P#30	HAYES, JIMMIE	P#17
CANTON, TOLISE	P#19	HUNTER, FRED	P#12
CANTON, J.	P#14	IT'S IN THE FACE	P#19
CASINO CLUB	P#16	JOHNSON, PEGGY	P#31
CHICAGO NEWS	P#18	KELLY, LINDA	P#28
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CLARK, TOM	P#15	KELLY, T. F.	P#28
COOPER, E. JOHN	P#24	KENSHICK, ONE	P#21
COOK, S. L.	P#5	KINDSEL, GLEN	P#6
COLEMAN, JIM	P#9	KNUDEL, ONE	P#21
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EARLE, CLARENCE	P#22	LUCAS, WILLIAM	P#20
ERTZER, DAVID	P#14	LUCK Y, ONE MRS.	P#28
FISHER, RUTH	P#37	LUTE, GEORGE F.	P#14
FITZGERALD, C. R. J.	P#33	LYON, HARRY	P#26
FLEMING, LUDY	P#29	MACLIN, JACK	P#13
FRETTI, BOB	P#2	MEHLER, ONE	P#34

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MCGRAW, C. BS	P#8	VENA, CLARENCE	P#22
MCGRAW, CLARA	P#3	WALDORF HOTEL	P#25
MCGRAW, ED	P#3	WEBB, OVEL	P#28
MCGRAW, EDWARD	P#3	WELSH, SMITH	P#26
MCGRAW, EDWARD FRANCIS	P#8	WEYERHAUSER, GEORGE	P#19
MCGRAW, STEVE	P#8	WILLGRUB, STELLA	P#19
MERRELL, ONE	P#15	WIRE TAPPING	P#2
MILLER, GERTIE BILLETER	P#3	WORLD, TOM	P#16
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O'REILLY, JAMES	P#16		
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PRATT, TOMMY	P#5		
RENE, DITCH	P#42		
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ROSCOE, JOE	P#7		
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STROCHINE, ONE	P#15		
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SUPERIOR SPORTS CENTER	P#22		
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TAFELBERG, ONE	P#34		
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THURSTON, W. S.	P#16		
TILLEY, ONE	P#30		
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Mr. Edgar Hoover -  
Dept. of Justice -  
Washington - D.C.

Dear Sir - My attention has  
been attracted to the recent  
arrest of a Mr. Campbell -  
and - Thomas Murray -

Atlantic City I-576-12890

Is there any  
connection in this case - with  
Mr. Campbell - I met on  
my airplane trip to  
via - Havana - this year -

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the associations and disclosures in newspapers - are closely associated with conversation I had with Mr. Campbell - all thru trip - to Miami -

The Mr. Campbell I have reference to - was associated with ~~the~~ President Gerardo Machado's regime - I believe - and advised me had political influence in Havana - at that time, and would

assist me if I needed -

I left for Havana - immediately after receiving an alarming cable from my daughter - who had been there for five months - that her life there was in very grave danger - Threatened by Communists - asking us to act immediately.

If I may call on you for advice - I will be pleased to give you the details of my daughter's experience there, and plot followed after my arrival there. It may be of interest to you - I am - yours truly -  
flanking you - Mrs A.M. Wolff

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October 2, 1936.

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Mrs. A. M. Wolff,  
General Delivery,  
Atlantic City, New Jersey.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Madam:

This will acknowledge receipt of  
your letter dated September 21, 1936, relative to  
a Mr. Campbell whom you met on an aeroplane trip  
between Miami, Florida, and Havana, Cuba.

The files of the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation do not disclose that Harry Campbell,  
who was sought by this Bureau for complicity in the  
kidnaping of Edward George Bremer of St. Paul,  
Minnesota, was connected with a political regime in  
Havana, Cuba, and it is not known if the Mr. Campbell  
referred to by you is identical with the Harry  
Campbell who was apprehended by Agents of the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation at Toledo, Ohio, on May  
7, 1936.

Concerning the information you furnished  
relative to your daughter, please be advised that the  
jurisdiction of this Bureau does not extend to Havana,  
Cuba.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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ST. PAUL DAILY NEWS  
SEP 15 1936

## Moll Links Brown With "Tipoffs"

Edna Murray Deposition  
Read; Ouster Appeal  
Hearing Postponed To  
Wednesday.

Completion by the city of evidence against Thomas A. Brown, dismissed police detective, in the latter's ouster appeal is expected Wednesday.

The hearing late Monday adjourned until Wednesday because one of the statutory board of appeals members has another engagement today.

The resumption of the hearing Monday was marked by startling testimony in the form of a deposition from Edna (Rabbits) Murray, one of the gangland molls, who played a prominent part with the Barker-Karpis gangsters in St. Paul during 1933 and 1934.

In her deposition Mrs. Murray linked Brown with Harry Sawyer, convicted Bremer kidnaping finger-man, and through the latter she charged that the former police detective tipped off the Karpis-Barker gang members as to police activities during the Hamm and Bremer kidnapings.

Also for the first time in open court the Dillinger and Barker-Karpis gangs were linked as being on friendly terms, although they were not working together.

### Death Of Hamilton.

She substantiated The Daily News story of several months ago that John Hamilton, one of Dillinger gangsters, died in Aurora, Ill., after being wounded by Dakota county sheriff deputies following the Little Bohemia shooting, in April, 1934.

Obtained under oath last week at the Missouri prison in Jefferson City, where Mrs. Murray is completing a 27-year term for a payroll robbery, her deposition stated that Harry Sawyer warned the Karpis-Barker gangsters of the police movements on tips received from Tom Brown.

Her deposition testimony differed from that by Byron Bolton who testified that Brown was to receive \$5,000 for the Bremer snatch, but did not get it because he was one of the four policemen who shot Homer Van Meter in St. Paul. Mrs. Murray said that it was \$10,000 he was scheduled to receive.

### Linked To Karpis.

For the first time in open court the Roy McCord shooting and the South St. Paul payroll robbery were linked to the Karpis-Barker mob. The McCord shooting, which took

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place three days before Mr. Bremer was kidnaped, Jan. 17, 1934, nearly caused the postponement of the kidnaping.

### "Something Else" Planned

She said that the day following the McCord shooting Sawyer visited her apartment in St. Paul and told members that "Brown thought it was a foolish thing to stir up all this heat, over the McCord shooting, when they were planning on something else." He said Brown was sore about it.

Paula Harmon, Fred Barker's sweetheart, became nervous when she read in the newspapers that one of the bandits after the South St. Paul payroll job had been wounded in a shooting in a suburb of Chicago. The deposition said Mrs. Murray added that Paula went to Harry Sawyer

crying and Sawyer told her "Nothing to it, if it was any of my gang I would be the first one to know it."

Mrs. Murray intimated that tips to the Bremer kidnapers were relayed from Brown to Sawyer.

### Baby Face Shows Up

She said that on one occasion the tip came that the ransom money could not be paid as demanded because it was locked in a vault and could not be opened until 8 a. m. the next day.

She also said that while in the rear of Harry Sawyer's saloon she saw Brown and another man in an automobile. She said she and Paula Harmon waited in their car until Brown, who was talking to Sawyer, pulled away. She also said while waiting for Brown and Sawyer to finish their conversation Baby Face Nelson, a Dillinger gangster, pulled up and he also waited until Brown had pulled away.

On cross examination, she said that Dillinger, Van Meter and Hamilton were at her home in Aurora. Hamilton died there she said, although she didn't learn about it until she returned to her home. She said that Volney Davis, her sweetheart, had sent her away for a few days telling her that he had friends

coming and didn't want her there at the time.

She admitted on cross examination she did not know if Brown got the \$10,000.

Robert Thompson, Dispatch-Pioneer Press reporter, described his visit to 204 Vernon ave., where the mob is alleged to have made its headquarters. He said the police showed up at the place almost an hour after he got there.

The deposition of Mrs. Harry Sawyer will be read Wednesday.



1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 21, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

Will you please determine from your index of this case, information relative to the place of purchase of Ford coupe, motor #615739, mentioned in report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated September 25, 1934, page 11, paragraph two.

Very truly yours,

RJF/EJB

CC - Bureau  
- Cincinnati

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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ST. PAUL DISPATCH  
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## ACCUSED IN STATEMENT BY MRS. SAWYER

Wife of Convict Tells of Pro-  
posal She Absent Self From  
Omaha Home.

### SHOUTING MATCH STAGED BY OPPOSING COUNSEL

John L. Connolly, St. Paul city corporation counsel, charged today that Thomas A. Brown, ousted detective, made a "deliberate attempt" in Omaha last week to "get Gladys Sawyer out of town" so she could not give a deposition to be used by the city in the Brown dismissal hearing.

Connolly's charges climaxed a heated tilt between him and L. L. Anderson, counsel for Brown, as the deposition of Mrs. Sawyer, wife of Harry Sawyer, was being read before a statutory board of appeals.

In the deposition, Mrs. Sawyer, whose husband is serving a life term for complicity in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, asserts that a friend interceding for a police officer went to her home in Omaha and "suggested that I leave town."

When city officials came to the part in the deposition citing this instance, Anderson protested vigorously but later withdrew his objection.

#### CHARGE HURLED.

Fighting to have that portion of the deposition read in court, Connolly shouted, "There was a deliberate attempt on the part of Mr. Brown to get this witness, Gladys Sawyer, out of Omaha so she would not be able to give a deposition that day!"

"It is a very erroneous and malicious conclusion on the part of counsel, and without foundation, and I say it advisedly," Anderson shot back. "It is made here purely for the purpose of prejudice. As far as this woman's testimony is concerned, it has no relation to the case here."

Anderson and Connolly then were shouting at the same time, Connolly talking across the table to Anderson and the latter attempting to address the board.

"Keep quiet!" Anderson shouted at Connolly.

"I don't have to keep quiet," Connolly retorted.

"I have never before seen such conduct on the part of counsel," Anderson asserted as he withdrew his objection. Reading of the deposition was resumed.

#### DEPOSITION READ.

Asked to tell what occurred in Omaha the night prior to taking of the deposition, Mrs. Sawyer said:

"Well, a friend of mine called me and came out to see me. He said he was asked by a police officer here (in Omaha) if he could talk to me, and he told him that he could. The police officer asked him if he would please come up and talk to me with reference to Mr. Brown, and this friend of mine doesn't know Mr. Brown, but it seemed that the officer was acquainted with him and he wanted to know if I would do Mr. Brown any harm. I think that was the way it was put, or would I do him any good in this case, and I said, I

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won't do him any good, and I'll try not to do him any harm."

"Was anything else said?" Mrs. Sawyer was asked when the deposition was taken.

"Well, just told him I thought I had had trouble enough and I didn't care to be involved in anything at all. I told him I didn't care to be a voluntary witness in anything. I had had enough trouble. He suggested that I leave town and I told him I wouldn't. I had a business here and am trying to make my living."

#### TELLS OF ALLEGED "SPLIT."

In her deposition, Mrs. Sawyer said she overheard John P. (Jack) Peifer, convicted kidnaper who killed himself, say to her husband:

"I have \$36,000 to split with Tom Brown. He did not say what money it was." Mrs. Sawyer gave similar testimony when Peifer was on trial as the "finger man" in the \$100,000 William Hamm kidnaping.

Mrs. Sawyer also relates in the deposition that Brown visited both the Sawyer Jefferson avenue home in St. Paul and the Sawyer farm on the outskirts of St. Paul.

"Brown talked to my husband on the phone several times," Mrs. Sawyer said. "Some times he just talked to him and some times he would say he had to go and meet him."

The city charges that Brown relayed information of police maneuvers to Harry Sawyer during both the Hamm and Bremer abductions and that Sawyer in turn gave the tipoffs to the Barker-Karpis mob.

Questions and answers from Mrs. Sawyer's deposition follow:

Q. Do you know Tom Brown?

A. I do.

Q. How long have you known him?

A. I don't just exactly know. I think the first time I ever talked to Mr. Brown was the night Frank Ventress was killed. (She said she believed the murder was in March, 1930, and that it was at 545 Wabasha street, where her husband at that time had a saloon.)

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Q. Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis and "Doc" Barker, do you know where they lived in St. Paul on any occasion?

A. Well, they lived at one time on Marshall and Cleveland. I never was there. And at another time they lived on Grand avenue.

SAYS SHE SAW KARPIS.

Q. And when you came to this apartment on Grand avenue, whom did you see?

A. Ray Karpis (Alvin Karpis' real name was Ray Karpavics) and a fellow by the name of Earl, and Volney Davis, and I don't remember if "Doc" was there or not. I believe he was. I think it was right after "Doc" got out of Leavenworth.

Q. Did you talk to Doc?

A. Yes. I told him to get out because there was going to be a raid or something and they were supposed to get out. I just said that the police were going to raid the place.

Q. Who sent you out to this apartment to tell the boys to get out on Grand avenue?

A. Harry did.

Q. Do you mean Harry Sawyer, your husband?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you ever talk to Tom Brown on the telephone?

A. I have answered the phone when he called, yes.

Q. How many occasions?

A. I couldn't say that, I don't know.

Q. More than once?

A. Oh, yes.

Q. Over what period of time?

A. Oh, probably a period of three or four years.

SAYS SHE KNEW HIS VOICE.

Q. Where were you living when he called you?

A. 1878 Jefferson, and also at the farm.

Q. How did you know who was calling?

A. Well, I got so I knew his voice.

Q. Do you know any other addresses where the Barker brothers or Karpis or any of the crowd you mentioned lived, either in St. Paul or West St. Paul?

A. I know at one time they were supposed to live out on South Robert.

Q. Do you know when that was?

A. No, I couldn't say exactly when it was. They moved from there in a hurry, I know, after this old man Dunlop was supposed to have been killed—no, he wasn't killed at that time. There was supposed to have been some heat come up and they left in a hurry one morning. They went to White Bear.

Q. How do you know they left in a hurry?

A. Harry had a telephone call.

Q. Who answered it?

A. I did, and he went down town.

Q. What time of the day was that?

A. Very early. I should imagine around 5:30 or 6 o'clock in the morning.

Fred Raasch, busted detective, testified a few days ago that Brown, while chief of police in 1932, "stalled" him for several hours before he was sent to raid a home at 1031 South Robert street. Raasch testified that when he arrived at the house, where the Barker brothers and Karpis allegedly were living, the occupants had fled. On cross-examination by Anderson, Mrs. Sawyer relates in her deposition:

Q. You told about Mr. Brown calling and recognizing his voice?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did he frequently tell you who was calling?

A. Sometimes he did, yes. That's the way I became acquainted with his voice, because he used to tell me who was calling.

Q. No secret about it as far as you were concerned?

A. No.

At this point, Raasch was recalled to the stand for further cross-examination by Anderson.

Q. Isn't it a fact that you owned a string of slot machines on the West side when you were assigned over there as a detective?

A. No, it is not.

Under redirect examination by Connolly, Raasch amplified a statement that he felt Brown had "hard feelings" toward him.

"He was mad at me in the Gleeman shooting," Raasch said.

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 21, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Please ascertain from the Automobile Registration Bureau at Columbus, Ohio, the names and addresses of the persons to whom the following 1936 Ohio licenses were issued, and furnish this information to this office:

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Very truly yours,

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J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
September 21, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Special Agent E. J. Wynn, who is handling the situation particularly at Toledo, Ohio, as to the harboring charges, conferred with me at Detroit today as to the general situation, and he indicates to me that they have prepared most of the summary report as to the harboring charges in 1934 at Toledo, and that this is being written up at the present time; that the Cleveland Office is endeavoring to expedite this notwithstanding a stenographic congestion at this particular time.

The general situation as to investigation remains the same as indicated in my previous communications and reports submitted from week to week covering the situation particularly as to the investigation at Toledo, Ohio. At Toledo we are particularly interested in trying to determine something which will show guilty knowledge on the part of William P. Reilly, the Sheriff, and the other subjects who had been responsible for the harboring charges in 1935 and 1936, particularly the McGraw family and the Goulet family.

As will be noted from statements submitted in report by Gertrude Billetter Campbell, this woman has indicated a very much more desirable attitude and it is believed she is endeavoring to furnish us with information which will assist in the prosecution of various subjects and, in fact, she has furnished us with material information as against Edward McGraw and his wife, particularly their association with Alvin Karpis and Sam Coker.

At Cleveland, Ohio, we are making particular effort, as per my discussion of this with Special Agent S. K. McKee, to determine someone who can place the gang at the Harvard Club in 1934 and association with Hebebrand and Patton.

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In connection with the tap maintained upon the telephone of Ardley Quinn, it is apparent that we have at least one substantial case under the White Slave Traffic Act wherein she telegraphed a woman in a house of prostitution in Dallas, Texas, to report to Cleveland, to be available for work in her house during the American Legion Convention, and from the latest information available, it is apparent that this woman is there at this time and working in such house. We have

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possibly two other girls who may show up at this place, and during the latter portion of the present week, at the conclusion of the American Legion Convention, it is planned to pick up these women for questioning, with the idea in mind of placing charges against Ardle Quinn, which will be handled as a White Slave Traffic Act matter in conjunction with the Cleveland Office and should not in any way interfere with our harboring investigation. We will, of course, try to eliminate from the case the necessity of using any conversation obtained over the telephone taps.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. Connelley  
Inspector

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629 First National Bank Building,  
Omaha, Nebraska.  
September 21, 1936.

*Edmund R. P.*

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to your letter of September the  
19th, 1936.

Please be advised that stop cards were placed against  
1935 Model Ford Deluxe Coupe, Motor Number 16-1415253, at  
the Automobile Registration Bureaus in Lincoln, Nebraska,  
and Des Moines, Iowa. In the event application is made to  
register this car in either Bureau, the Omaha Office will  
be promptly advised.

Very truly yours,

R. A. ALT,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

September 21, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Re: PAUL RENEAU, w.a. - FUGITIVE  
IRENE MOREHOUSE - VICTIM:  
White Slave Traffic Act

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July 18, 1936, to which was attached two photographs, setting out detailed description of above Subject.

On August 29, 1936, the Paul Reno at Toledo, Ohio, who was under observation and was believed to be the Subject in the above-entitled case, was interviewed by agents at Toledo, and it was ascertained this Paul Reno's correct name is William Paul Renaud and his description is as follows:

Age	64 years
Height	5' 10"
Weight	175lbs.
Hair	Black, turning gray
Eyes	Gray
Marital status	Single
Place of birth	Stony Point, Canada
Nationality	French Canadian
Occupation	Mechanic and stationary engineer
Residence	729 LaGrange Street, Toledo, Ohio
Tattoo	None
Previous criminal record	Claims none
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This man Renaud, it was ascertained, has been in the employ of a Toledo concern for a number of years, but has been unemployed since April 1, 1936, due to ill health. It will be noted from the above description and fingerprint classification that William Paul Renaud is not Paul Reneau, the Subject of the above captioned case. Details concerning interview with William Paul Renaud are being incorporated in the files of the Cleveland Office in the BREKID Case.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 2118  
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Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request made by Special Agent E. J. Wynn on this date, there are enclosed herewith the following serials in the above entitled case:

Letter from the Kansas City office to the St. Paul office, dated February 16, 1934. (Detroit Serial 7-25-74)

Letter from J. L. Murphy, Special Agent to Special Agent in Charge, Detroit, Michigan, dated October 12, 1934. (Detroit Serial 7-25-434g)

Memorandum from Abraham Dickstein, Special Agent to Special Agent in Charge, dated October 11, 1934, Toledo, Ohio. (Detroit Serial 7-25-432)

Memorandum from Abraham Dickstein, Special Agent to Special Agent in Charge, dated October 6, 1934, Toledo, Ohio. (Detroit Serial 7-25-426)

Letter from Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio to Wm. Larson, Special Agent in Charge, Detroit, Michigan, dated October 5, 1934. (Detroit Serial 7-25-413)

Letter from Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio to Wm. Larson, Special Agent in Charge, Detroit, Michigan, dated October 4, 1934. (Detroit Serial 7-25-402)

Letter from L. A. Quindry, Special Agent to Special Agent in Charge, Detroit, Michigan, dated October 3, 1934, Toledo, Ohio. (Detroit Serial 7-25-397)

Letter from L. A. Quindry, Special Agent to Special Agent in Charge, Detroit, Michigan, dated October 2, 1934, Toledo, Ohio. (Detroit Serial 7-25-396)

Letter from Wm. Larson, Special Agent in Charge, Detroit, Michigan to Mr. E. J. Connelley, dated December 22, 1934. (Detroit Serial 7-25-573)

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Memorandum for the File, by Special Agent Abraham Dickstein, dated at Toledo, Ohio, November 27, 1934. (Detroit Serial 7-25-527)

Letter from Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio to Wm. Larson, Special Agent in Charge, Detroit, Michigan, dated October 24, 1934. (Detroit Serial 7-25-472)

Letter from Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio to Wm. Larson, Special Agent in Charge, Detroit, Michigan, dated October 26, 1934. (Detroit Serial 7-25-471)

Memorandum for Special Agent in Charge by Special Agent Abraham Dickstein, dated at Toledo, Ohio, October 20, 1934. (Detroit Serial 7-25-463)

Memorandum by Special Agent Abraham Dickstein, dated at Detroit, Michigan, February 15, 1935. (Detroit Serial 7-25-924)

Very truly yours,

Herold H. Reinecke  
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 7-43

REPORT MADE AT <b>CINCINNATI, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-22-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-18-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WALTER C. ROBINSON MGR</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. #1232, et al., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NAT'L. FIREARMS ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Anna Bruce inspected the Ann Arbor Beauty Shop, Toledo, Ohio, at 9:00 A.M., March 12, 1935. She resigned her position as Inspector for the Ohio State Board of Cosmetology in July, 1935. Her last known address was 240 Franklin Street, Tiffin, Ohio. 1935 Model Ford Coupe, Motor #18-1615255, registered April 20, 1936, by Cal R. Wood, Youngstown, Ohio, under memorandum certificate 412,924, filed in Mahoning County, Ohio.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from the Cleveland Office dated 9-12-36; teletype to Cleveland from the Cincinnati Office, 9-21-36.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT COLUMBUS, OHIO</u></p> <p>Mrs. Frances F. Dial, Chairman, Ohio State Board of Cosmetology, 21 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, upon interview produced the inspection file of the Ann Arbor Beauty Shop, 1523 Cherry Street, Toledo, Ohio, which showed an inspection on November 15, 1934, by Miss Etta Reid of Toledo, Ohio; inspection at 9:00 A.M., March 12, 1935, by Miss Anna Bruce, then assigned to the Toledo territory and an inspection at 5:00 P.M., May 15, 1935, by Miss Bruce.</p>			
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The file indicates that the Ann Arbor Beauty Shop was owned by Irene Stephen. It was noted that the inspection report of March 12, 1935, was signed by operator Ted Andre in the absence of the owner.

Mrs. Dial stated that Miss Bruce was the Inspector of the Toledo District during 1935; that such position was held under Civil Service and that due to a retrenchment program, Miss Bruce was not re-appointed in July, 1935. Miss Bruce's last known address was 240 Franklin Street, Tiffin, Ohio.

At the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio it was ascertained that 1935 model Ford Coupe, Motor #18-1615253 was registered April 20, 1936, by Cal R. Wood, 5026 Southern Blvd., Youngstown, Ohio, under memorandum certificate 412,924, filed in Mahoning County, Ohio. This registration was made upon the transfer of 1936 Ohio license H-969-R to the car in question. In the application for transfer Wood indicated he purchased this car on April 18, 1936.

A copy of the original transfer application was made and is being forwarded to the Cleveland Office with copies of this report. No record of the 1935 registration of this car could be found either by motor number or by name of the registrant, however, the chain of title can be traced through memorandum certificate #412,924, filed in Mahoning County, Youngstown, Ohio.

No leads are being set out, same being left to the discretion of the Cleveland Office.

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506 Medical Arts Bldg.,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

September 22, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your circular letter dated September 12, 1936, in which you advise that 1933 standard Ford V-8 coupe, motor number 18-429014, has been located at Toledo, Ohio.

As requested, the stop notice as to this car, which had previously been placed with the Motor Vehicle Bureau of the State of Tennessee, was withdrawn on September 16, 1936.

Very truly yours,

T. M. STAPLETON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

An intensive investigation is being conducted to locate Milton Lett, a potential harboring Subject in this case, but who is particularly wanted for questioning. Information has been obtained that Lett was associating with a gang of pipe line workers which worked across the States of Missouri and Illinois into Chicago during the past eight months. In Missouri the work was done by the Sheehan Construction Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and in Illinois the Smith Bros. Construction Company, 841 N. Y. Life Building, Kansas City, Missouri, did the work.

Informant Tony Mexiel states that in June, 1936, he was told by F. R. Wilson, better known among pipe and construction workers as "Chew Tobacco", "Blackie" and "Fag", that Lett had spent three or four days with the gang gambling when they were near Odessa, Missouri. Wilson suffered a leg injury and after a few weeks in a hospital left Odessa about the middle of July. On August 28, he wrote Mrs. Florence Shaffer, Shaffer's Cafe, Odessa, Missouri, from 101 Pine Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania. He stated he had about three months work with Stuart & Mitchell Construction Company in or near Williamsport.

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It is requested that Wilson be contacted immediately for the purpose of obtaining all the information he has regarding Lett and his activities. The name Lett was using, his gambling activities, whether or not he contacted the pipe line gang again, etc. should be obtained. It appears that Lett and Wilson got drunk together and it was then that Lett revealed his identity. Wilson was drinking heavily when he furnished the information to informant Mexiel. It may be that Wilson will talk only when drunk. Wilson is a

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man about 60. For your assistance a photograph of Lett is enclosed. It carries his description on the back. In February, 1936, Lett married Lucille Ferris, age 19, height 5' 4", 120 lbs., blue eyes, light brown hair, broad nose, wears a small silver signet ring on left little finger, and an opal ring surrounded by pearls on her left ring finger. It is believed she is with Lett.

The Bureau has no process outstanding against Lett. If located he should be held and the Bureau and the Cleveland Office notified immediately. The Bureau has authorized the payment of a sum up to \$100.00 for information concerning Lett's whereabouts. Lett is being sought by the Post Office authorities in connection with the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery of November 7, 1935, in which he is alleged to have been associated with Alvin Karpis.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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PHONE BREKID FORWARD AIR MAIL COPY OF REPORT SETTING OUT INDICTMENT KARPIS  
ETAL IN MAY NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR AND REPORT CONTAINING DATES AND PLACES OF  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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202 United States Court House,  
El Paso, Texas.

September 20, 1936.

Mr. Diego Salazar,  
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,  
Bureau of Revenue,  
Santa Fe, N.M.

Dear Sir:

Re: ~~X~~FORD COUPE MOTOR 18-429014.

On June 20, 1936, I requested you to place a "stop order"  
against registration of Ford Coupe, motor 18-429014.

This car has now been located and you are requested to re-  
move the stop order from your files.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

R.H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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SAC CLEVELAND

PHONE. BREKID. RE YOUR LETTER SEPTEMBER TWELFTH NINETEEN THIRTY SIX AND  
CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL OFFICES SEPTEMBER NINETEENTH NINETEEN THIRTY SIX  
CONCERNING FORD COUPE MOTOR EIGHTEEN DASH SIXTEEN FIFTEEN TWO FIVE THREE.

18-1615253

THIS CAR REGISTERED APRIL TWENTIETH NINETEEN THIRTY SIX BY CAL R. WOOD, FIVE  
NAUGHT TWO SIX SOUTHERN BOULEVARD YOUNGSTOWN OHIO. WOOD INDICATES PURCHASED  
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WOMEN WHO INSPECTED ANN ARBOR BEAUTY SHOP TOLEDO OHIO IN MARCH NINETEEN THIRTY  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation.

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1080  
424 Federal Building  
Trenton, New Jersey

August 25, 1936.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

With reference to the past activities of the Post Office Inspectors, under Post Office Inspector in Charge Griggs, of Cincinnati, and particularly the activity of Post Office Inspectors Ordway and Gettrick, Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, and other past unwarranted activity by these individuals critical of the action of the Bureau in the apprehension of Harry Campbell at Toledo, Ohio, there are enclosed herewith two copies of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent John L. Madala covering an interview with Miss Bobbie Robbette, 439 Arcadia Street, Toledo, Ohio.

As will be noted from this memorandum, apparently this reference to their actions shortly after we had apprehended Campbell on May 6, 1936, has reference to the same disgruntled actions of these individuals, as has been previously reported to the Bureau. The situation at the hospital and the stupidity of the Post Office Inspectors on this occasion has been previously covered showing their full responsibility.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Toledo, Ohio  
August 20, 1936.

Memorandum for Inspector E. J. Connelley:

On August 20, 1936 Miss Bobbie Robbletto, 439 Arcadia, Toledo, Ohio was brought to the temporary Bureau Office in Toledo, and interviewed in detail concerning her experiences and association with Sam Coker. It will be recalled that Miss Robbletto furnished the information which brought about the location and apprehension of Harry Campbell and Sam Coker.

Miss Robbletto advised agent V. E. Criss and the writer that about two weeks after the arrest of Harry Campbell and Sam Coker by Bureau Agents at Toledo, Ohio, two Post Office Inspectors, one of whom she believes was Cordray from Lima, Ohio, came to her home and asked her if she knew another man who went by the name of Sam, and who was an associate of Campbell and Coker, and who was supposed to have taken Coker's place in the robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio. She informed them that she knew of no such person. They also asked her whether she knew anyone else connected with the gang, and she replied that the only one she could think of was a taxi driver known as "Greenie".

Miss Robbletto advised that it was her observations that the Post Office Inspectors were very angry with the Department of Justice agents; that they informed her that they were in the hospital at the same time the agents were there, and that they had given them the name used by Sam Coker while confined in the hospital; that the Department of Justice agents had gone ahead with this information and apprehended Campbell without calling them in on the arrest.

Miss Robbletto advised that the Post Office Inspectors indicated to her that the Department of Justice was very cheap; that had she given the information to them they would have given her \$2500 as reward. They further informed her that should she recall any additional information which might be of value to their investigation, she should contact the Post Office Inspector located at Toledo, Ohio, and furnish this information to him. Miss Robbletto stated that she did not bother making a note of the name mentioned by these men, and that she now has forgotten it.

In conclusion Miss Robbletto advised that the Post Office Inspectors are very bitter towards the agents of this Bureau, and before leaving she asked agents not to repeat this information to the Post Office Inspectors, as she did not want to become involved in any controversy which she observed apparently existed at the time she was interviewed by the Post Office Inspectors.

She also advised that shortly after the apprehension of Harry Campbell she wrote a letter to Director J. Edgar Hoover, in which she re-

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quested that he make a statement to the press advising that she had nothing to do with arrest of either Harry Campbell or Sam Coker. She advised that she wrote this letter for the reason that someone had given the press the address of her home as the place where Sam Coker was arrested, as a result of which the newspaper reporters came to her house, and thereafter the neighbors circulated a petition to have her and her family ousted from the neighborhood. She advised that she never received a response to this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ JOHN L. MADALA  
John L. Madala

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to the letter dated August 25, 1936, from Mr. E. J. Connelley to the Bureau, transmitting a memorandum submitted by Special Agent John L. Madala concerning the interview had with Miss Bobbie Robbette, 439 Arcadia Street, Toledo, Ohio, in which it is noted that Miss Robbette advised that subsequent to the capture of Harry Campbell she forwarded a letter to the Director requesting that a statement be made to the press advising that she had nothing to do with either the arrest of Harry Campbell or Sam Coker.

The Bureau files fail to reflect the receipt of a letter from Miss Robbette concerning this matter, and it is requested that Miss Robbette be so advised the next time she is interviewed by an Agent working on this investigation at Toledo, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Laughman .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Dawsey .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Foxworth .....  
Mr. Glavin .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Joseph .....  
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Mr. Tracy .....  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-22-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-11 to 15-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>V. W. GILLEN</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232, et al Edward George Bremer - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE HARBORING OF FUGITIVES NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Peg, alleged friend of Lett, not found in Odessa, Missouri. No information obtained concerning Lett in Southwestern Missouri. Ted Thornton reported planning to reopen gambling place in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. Vern Griffith, Tavern employee, Nevada, Missouri, has indicated he will turn Lett in for money. Lett unknown to Superintendent of Truman Smith Construction Company pipe line crews. Stop notice on 1933 Ford Coupe, motor #18-429014, withdrawn.</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">P.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Report of Special Agent V. W. Gillen, Kansas City, 8-18-36. Summary report of Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin, Cleveland, 9-8-36.</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">• At Odessa, Missouri •</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Inquiries of the Post Office and Marshal John W. Colvin and general inquiries at Odessa, which is a small village of about two thousand population, indicated that the only person nicknamed Peg in that community is one</p>			
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Bennett (Peg) Robinnett. He is so nicknamed because his right leg was cut off at the knee in a railroad accident sometime ago and he now uses a wooden peg leg. He is about 24 years old. He was interviewed at his home, which is opposite the railroad station and he stated that he has never been in the State of Kansas and never been out of the State of Missouri but once when he made a short trip into Iowa. He never heard of anyone named Milton Lett, nor knew Lett under any of his aliases. He stated he never had met Lett, whose picture was shown to him.

Marshal Colvin and others stated that Robinnett had never had any money and was never considered a gambler in Odessa. He has never been in any trouble about town. He comes of a poor family, both morally and financially, but has never associated himself with any of the criminal element in the community.

Marshal Colvin suggested that if any gamblers had been in town they would be known to Bob (Red) Evans, who is married to Robinnett's sister. Evans was sentenced several years ago to serve five years for criminal assault.

Evans was interviewed and stated that he has met every gambler who has come into Odessa in the past year and is positive that there have been no strangers about town since last winter. He stated that there has been little gambling and that there has been no card gambling, merely dice shooting. He was shown a picture of Lett but stated that he had never seen or ever heard of him.

Inquiries were also made at Schaeffer's Cafe but no information concerning any other Peg was obtained. An attempt will be made to locate Tony Miezal, informant who gave this information, for more definite information concerning Lett.

#### At Nevada, Missouri

Chief of Police Ade Tow, Postmaster John Moss, Thomas Coleman and Troopers Oliver and Graham of the Missouri State Highway Patrol could give no additional information concerning Lett.

Confidential informant of Agent, who will hereinafter be referred to as [redacted] stated that since Agent's last contact with her she had again talked with Earl Morris at which time he had brought up the subject of Lett and had stated that he had not seen him and did not want to see him. b7d

Agent and [redacted] visited the Tavern located on highway #54, fifteen miles East of Nevada, and in conversation with Bud Sellars and his wife Petie it was learned that Ted Thornton has gone to South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, where he is attempting to reopen his gambling place. Thornton has been instrumental in changing the policy of the Tavern and eliminating the floor shows and this has not met with the approval of Bud Sellars and Petie. It may be considered advisable to subsequently contact them openly for it was obvious that they did not regard Thornton very highly. b7d

After Agent's contact with Ade Tow, he wrote to the Kansas City Bureau office stating that Vern Griffith, mentioned in the reference report of Agent Gillen as a shiller at the Tavern, has approached one of the officers of the Nevada, Missouri, Police Department offering to give information concerning the whereabouts of Milton Lett for half of the reward being offered by the Post Office Department. In view of this and also in view of the fact that Special Agent G. H. Franklin has informed the writer that he believes his informant would locate Lett if promised some money, a letter was directed to the Bureau on 9-16-36, inquiring if the Bureau will authorize the payment of money for information concerning the whereabouts of Lett. Agent Franklin is now on special assignment out of the Kansas City district, but he has informed of the identity of his informant and it may be considered feasible for Agent to contact him later.

At Seneca, Missouri

[redacted] is no longer employed at the [redacted] Joplin, Missouri, but he may usually be located in Joplin at the combination pool hall and beer parlor on the West side of Main Street, near 3rd Street, or through the office of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. [redacted] had no additional information concerning Lett, but stated that he has made a confidential informant of Talbert in Joplin, mentioned in the undeveloped lead in the reference report of Agent Gillen. He considers that Talbert is a good informant and will be able to ascertain if any information was possessed by any of the gamblers in Joplin concerning Lett. From what [redacted] said, Talbert is a young man who does not gamble himself, but who is trusted by the gamblers and is used by them as a dealer. He, therefore, circulates among various gamblers and is in a position to obtain valuable information. Agent at the present time considers it advisable for [redacted] to continue this contact, but if it is not productive within a few weeks it may be advisable to contact Talbert directly.



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[redacted] stated that Mike Evans, head of the Miners Union at Picher, Oklahoma, is wholly unreliable and will not give any information of any kind.

• At Anderson, Missouri •

Frank Chandler, Gates Insurance Company, had no additional information of value in this case but introduced Agent to Carlile Mayfield, a neighbor of Nettie Lair, a known contact of Lett's. Mayfield explained that Nettie Lair is a sister of Dorothy Rush of Iola, Kansas, and that the daughter of Dorothy Rush is the wife of Spike Thornton. Her name is also Dorothy. Spike Thornton, it will be recalled, was apprehended by Agents at the Lair home last Spring when it was thought that Milton Lett was visiting that place. Mayfield and Chandler stated that they would keep a close watch on the Lair home and immediately notify the Kansas City office should they receive any information concerning Lett. Mayfield positively identified a photograph of Lett as being the young man who had inquired the way to the Lair home a few weeks before Spike Thornton was apprehended at that home by Agents.

• At Joplin, Missouri •

Missouri State Highway Troopers Walter Grammer and George Kahler were contacted and they promised to attempt to secure information concerning Lett from their various informants in and around Joplin. It does not appear that either of them has a reliable informant among the gamblers at Joplin.

• At Chanute, Kansas •

Hazel Anderson was interviewed at the Tioga Coffee Shop where she is employed. At first she was quite alarmed that Agent was contacting her because she is fearful of losing her position. She is 21 years of age and apparently enjoys a good reputation in Chanute. She expressed her desire to cooperate to the utmost in furnishing any information which may lead to the whereabouts of her uncle, Milton Lett. She and her sister, Mrs. Thelma Frits, 122½ West Main Street, furnished practically the same information which was to the effect that they are the daughters of Ella and Walter Anderson, who live five miles southeast of Coffeyville, Kansas. Mrs. Ella Anderson is a sister of Milton Lett. Over the Labor Day week end

Thelma visited her parents, at which time her mother stated that she has been unable to get any information concerning Milton's whereabouts from her mother, Mrs. Maggie Lett. Thelma's father, Walter Anderson, stated that he had talked with Milton last Spring and had urged him to give himself up if he was only wanted for questioning. Thelma said that Mrs. Ella Anderson believes Lett is wanted for questioning in connection with transporting various people. Thelma was not informed differently by Agent. Hazel and Thelma gave the following relatives of their uncle, in addition to themselves:

One sister of Lett is married to Ernest Walker of near Coffeyville, Kansas.

Ella Anderson, their mother.

Another sister is married to Roy Collins and a fourth sister to another Collins who lives in Wichita, Kansas.

A fifth sister, the one who has been referred to in previous reports as Ethel Lett Forth, is now married to her third husband and lives somewhere near Wichita. Her first husband was Forth, her second was McCarty and her present husband's name is unknown.

Both Thelma and Hazel were furnished the Kansas City office address and telephone number and promised to immediately communicate with this office upon the receipt of any information concerning Lett. They stated that they believe it hopeless to secure information from their grandmother, Maggie Lett. It would appear, however, that full details concerning the Lett family can be obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Anderson.

The following investigation was conducted at Eldorado, Kansas, by Special Agent J. C. Marts:

At the main offices of the Trueman Smith Construction Company, 311 East Central Street, Agent was referred to D. E. Whitworth, who advised that he was Superintendent of the company pipe line crews that recently completed work in Cass and Pike Counties, Illinois. Mr. Whitworth stated that all the workmen on those jobs have been laid off and their present whereabouts are unknown to the company.

Photograph of Milton Lett was exhibited to Mr. Whitworth.

who advised that he could not identify the photograph as anyone he has ever seen. Neither did Mr. Whitworth know of any gambling hangouts frequented by the workmen in Cass County or Pike County, Illinois. Mr. Whitworth was certain that Lett did not work on the pipe line either under his correct name or an alias.

In accordance with the letter to all field offices from the Cleveland office, dated 9-12-36, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles at Topeka, Kansas, has been requested to remove the stop order on 1935 Ford Coupe, motor #18-429014.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Coffeyville, Kansas, on a farm about five miles Southeast, will locate and interview Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson for information concerning Lett.

At South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, will conduct investigation concerning the present activity of Ted Thornton in opening a gambling place.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Nevada, Missouri, will, upon the receipt of reply from the Bureau concerning the payment of money, immediately contact Vern Griffith.

Through Chief of Police Ade Tow will contact other informants in Nevada, Missouri.

At Joplin, Seneca and Anderson, Missouri, will maintain contact with members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Roy Hance and Frank Chandler.

Will carry out the leads set out in both reference reports, including interview with Mrs. Eva Hopper, 1107 South 33rd Street, St. Joseph, Missouri, as requested in the report of Special Agent J. B. Brown, Kansas City, 9-15-36.

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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

September 22, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sirs

Re: BREKID

As requested in your teletype of September 22, 1936,  
I am forwarding herewith by registered mail reports  
in the above entitled matter covering the indictment  
of Karpis and others in May of 1934, as well as reports  
containing the dates and places of indictment of  
Dolores Delaney, Wynona Burdette and Myrtle Eaton.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

September 23, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir, Re: BREKID.

In accordance with the request contained in your letter dated September 17, 1936, there are transmitted herewith six copies of the photograph of John F. "Sharkey" Gorman, an employee at the Harvard Club, Newburgh Heights, Ohio.

The negative of this photograph, which was enclosed with your letter, is also being forwarded herewith.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge

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POST OFFICE BOX 812,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

September 23, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

In reply to your letter of September 21, 1936, making inquiry concerning the place of purchase of Ford coupe motor No. 615739, I desire to advise that the files in this office have been checked and the only other reference to this car in addition to the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, September 25, 1934, is contained in the summary report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, April 27, 1935, on page 15 thereof, under the name of R. E. Voockler. Mention is made therein to the effect that this concern sold a new Ford sedan, motor No. 875599 to one of the subjects of this investigation under the alias of M. L. Bradford, taking in exchange therefor Ford coupe motor No. 615749. A statement is contained in this summary report to the effect that investigation should be conducted concerning both of these cars.

There is no further reference with respect to this Ford coupe in the files of the Chicago Bureau office.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Drawer "V", Plaza Station,  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
September 23, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 19,  
1936 in the above matter requesting investigation to locate  
a 1935 Model Ford DeLuxe Coupe, Motor #18-1615253.

This is to advise that Mr. Morris Henry, clerk,  
motor files, Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illi-  
nois, conducted appropriate search for the above motor number  
and advised Special Agent V. J. Wolfe of this office that  
there was no registration for this automobile. A stop notice  
was placed for this number and the St. Louis Office will be  
notified immediately in the event the car is registered.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1443 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 23, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

Reference is made to the summary report of Special Agent J. P. Kitchin, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 8, 1936, concerning WILTON LETT, in which information is contained that one Joe Roscoe of Toledo, Ohio, had more or less recently opened a gambling establishment in St. Louis, Missouri, and that Lett might be employed around this place, or might be frequenting same.

You are advised that during a recent interview with a crap dealer from the Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio, it was learned that Roscoe is quite friendly with an old time gambler known as "Cap Mule", who is thought to be operating a gambling house in St. Louis at the present time, and with whom Roscoe may be associated. It was stated that Roscoe has been seen at the Harvard Club with this individual. Although we do not know the correct name of this individual, it is thought to be Fritz Mulepohl, alias "Cap Mule", alias "Cap Fritz." It is believed that this man will be known to members of the gambling fraternity in St. Louis, also to the gambling squad of the St. Louis Police Department.

It is desired that you conduct immediate investigation to ascertain whether Mulepohl is operating a gambling place in St. Louis, or vicinity either alone or in association with Joe Roscoe, and if so whether Wilton Lett is hanging out at the place, or is employed at same. This inquiry should be given expeditious attention.

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Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida,  
September 23, 1936.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:      Re: Lou Silver, alias "Jake the Plumber" *9-25-36*

It is requested that this office be furnished with the criminal record and photograph, if available, of one Lou Silver, alias "Jake, the Plumber."

The fingerprint classification of this individual is reported to be:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 5 & T & 7 \\ 17 & R & 6 \end{array}$$

It is probable that his fingerprints were forwarded to the Bureau under number 23699 by the Sheriff at Miami, Florida.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan* *REX*

R. B. Nathan  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: LOU SILVER, alias "Jake the Plumber".

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated September 23, 1936,  
I am attaching the record revealed through a search of the  
identification files of this Bureau in the case of the  
following:

LOU SILVER, Sheriff's Office, Miami, Florida  
#23699.

In compliance with your request I am also transmitting  
herewith a photograph of this subject as appearing in the files  
of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana, September 21, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In accordance with instructions con-  
tained in your mimeographed letter to all  
Field Offices, dated September 18, 1936, the  
stop notices placed against Ford Coupe, Model 40,  
Motor #1B-439014, in the motor vehicle registra-  
tion files in the Butte Office district, have  
been removed.

Very truly yours,

D. H. DICKASON  
Special Agent in Charge

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612 Marine Trust Bldg.  
Buffalo, N.Y.

Sept. 24, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to circular letter from the  
Cleveland office dated September 19, 1936.

Please be advised that a flash card has been  
placed in the Motor Vehicle Bureau at Albany, New York, with  
reference to 1935 Ford Deluxe Coupe, motor #18-1618253.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Bureau  
Cleveland

B. E. SACKETT  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-25**

REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-23-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-14, 15, 17-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>CHARLES H. OLSON</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE - I.O. 1232; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Freighters of Pittsburgh Steamship Company do not stop at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, but are met by supply boats and barges in the river, where transfers are made, the time consumed in making the transfers being only about forty-five minutes. Efforts to secure itinerary of the boats unsuccessful. Mr. W. F. Collins, one of the keepers on board the ships of Pittsburgh Steamship Company in the lagoon at Toledo, Ohio, from November, 1933 to July, 1934, was interviewed but unable to supply any information of value. Opal Jackson and Jerry Thomas practiced prostitution at 600 Groscap, Sault Ste. Marie, for Cecelia Stewart, who admits furnishing railroad ticket for Jerry Thomas to come from Toledo, Ohio to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to practice prostitution in her house. No information concerning violation of White Slave Traffic Act by Kitty Sperry or George Thomas. Wanted notice withdrawn on Ford Coupe, Motor #18-429014.

**REFERENCES:**

Report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated June 23, 1936; report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, dated June 27, 1936; letters from Cleveland Office to Detroit Office, dated June 29, 1936 and July 15, 1936; and mimeographed copy of letter to all field offices from Cleveland Office, dated September 12, 1936.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was made by Special Agent H. H. Hoffman of the Detroit Office, who prepared a memorandum under date of August 28, 1936. This memorandum reads as follows:

"On July 21, 1936, this Agent contacted William Maxwell, Superintendent of the Pittsburgh Supply Company, which is a subsidiary of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Maxwell advised that the Pittsburgh Supply Company at Sault Ste. Marie has a supply boat named "Frontier" which provides the freighters of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company as they pass through the Locks at Sault Ste. Marie. He stated that the boats named on page thirteen of the above report of Special Agent Smith do not dock or stop as they pass up and down the Locks but that the supply boat meets the freighters and barges in the river and makes transfers of supplies enroute; that the only manner in which the officers of the freighters and barges might be interviewed at Sault Ste. Marie would be for the Agent to board the supply boat "Frontier" at the dock of the Pittsburgh Supply Company and transfer to the appropriate freighter or barge at the Locks at Sault Ste. Marie and then transfer to the supply boat down the river, depending upon whether the freighter or barge is going up or down the river. If going up the river the transfer should be made from the supply boat to the freighter or barge, and if going down the river the transfer should be made from the freighter or barge to the supply boat.

"Mr. Maxwell advised that usually about forty-five minutes to an hour is consumed at the Locks and that the officers of the various freighters or barges could be interviewed during that time only; that the supply boat is always at the Pittsburgh Supply Company dock. Mr. Maxwell further advised that the freighters and barges mentioned on page thirteen of the report of Agent Smith pass through the Locks at Sault Ste. Marie at least once a week and sometimes twice a week; that in his opinion the best place to locate the officers of these boats for interview is at Sault Ste. Marie inasmuch as the boats ply between so many different places that it would be inconvenient and difficult to try to catch the boats at the places they dock.

"Mr. Maxwell also stated that he would be in a position all times to estimate within several hours when the various boats Pittsburgh Steamship Company would appear at the Locks and that they are usually reported in about an hour or an hour and a half before arrive at the Locks or in the river where the supplies are transferred.

"At the time of Agent's interview with Mr. Maxwell the boats mentioned on page thirteen of the report of Agent Smith at Sault Ste. Marie with the exception of the "Frontier," the supply boat which Mr. W. F. Collins is Captain.

"Mr. Maxwell checked his records with Agent as

the officers and keepers of the boats mentioned are correctly set out and that his records show no transfers of personnel. He stated that all of the officers mentioned on page thirteen of the above report could be interviewed at Sault Ste. Marie on the boats mentioned with the exception of Michael McGorray, who is presently at Hocking Valley Slip, care of the Toledo Ship Building Company.

"Mr. W. F. Collins, Captain of the supply boat 'Frontier,' was interviewed aboard the boat on July 21, 1936. He stated that he was one of the keepers on board the ships of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company in the lagoon at Toledo, Ohio, from about November 15, 1933, to about July, 1934; that he was not there, however, during the year 1935. He stated that during his time at Toledo, Ohio, he went to the Casino Club several times, possibly on the average of once or twice per week to drink beer at the bar of that establishment, but that he did not at any time visit the lounge or other portions of the Club. He stated that he was not acquainted with any one there except the other ship keepers mentioned on page thirteen of the report of Agent Smith, and did not know Ted or Bert Angus on sight although he had heard that Ted and Bert Angus operated the Casino Club. He stated that the only other person he knew who had gone to the Casino Club during his stay there was T. R. Leroy who at that time resided in Point Place, Toledo, about a mile or a mile and a half from the Casino Club; that Mr. Leroy is now Assistant Manager of the Steamship 'Maritana' of the Hutchinson Steamship Company of Cleveland, Ohio; that Mr. Leroy can be located through this company at Cleveland, Ohio, but cannot be interviewed at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, because the 'Maritana' does not take on supplies at the Locks there.

"Mr. Collins was permitted to examine the most recent photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang mentioned in reference letter dated June 29, 1936. After closely examining these photographs, he stated that he could not say positively whether he had seen any of the Gang at the Casino Club but that the pictures of Karpis and Volney Davis looked familiar to him. He stated that he is positive he has seen Volney Davis somewhere but cannot associate the place where he saw him as the Casino Club or any other place. He stated also that he is almost positive that he recognizes the picture of Alvin Karpis as some one he has seen but that he does not know whether this was at the Casino Club or some other place.

"He stated that he had read in one of the Toledo papers that George Timiney was a Detective or a member of the Toledo Police Department, but that he cannot recognize his picture. Mr. Collins also stated that possibly one reason why he did not recall seeing members of the Barker-Karpis gang was because he had only been in the bar at the Casino and did not associate with any one there. He stated further that he did not know any of the bartenders or other persons employed at the Casino and did not go to the Club with any one except the other ship keepers in the lagoon."

Agent Hoffman was directed to report to the Detroit Office before the completion of the investigation requested in the above mentioned letters and report.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Clarence W. Dunker:

"T. H. Hanson, Chief Clerk, Pittsburgh Supply Company, a subsidiary of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, stated he did not know the schedules of the ships of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company or the employees on the ships, as this information was kept by the Traffic Department of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company in Cleveland, Ohio, who had their offices in the Rockefeller Building. Hanson stated he did not know a Charles Becker or have a record of him as working on any boat for the Pittsburgh Steamship Company, as the record of this would be in Cleveland, Ohio; that in order to locate an employee of the company, it would be necessary to get the location of the employee from the Traffic Department of the company and then interview him at a place where the boat on which he was working docked.

"Investigation was also conducted in this case in conjunction with the case entitled "WALTER STEINHAGEN; et al; OPAL JACKSON, with aliases, VICTIM; WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT".

"Opal Jackson, Jackie Thomas and Jacqueline Herron are aliases of Jacqueline Thomas whose maiden name was Herron. She is reputed to be the wife of George Thomas, alias George Jackson. Jerry Thomas is a sister of Jacqueline Thomas and is also known as Thelma Charles and Thelma Mae Herron which is her maiden name. She claims not to be married to Jack Smith, alias Smitty.

"M. H. Mitchell, Chief of Police, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, advised he had the prostitutes all on record in Sault Ste. Marie and knew there were no prostitutes other than Jackie and Jerry Thomas who had been transported in interstate commerce by any particular person. He stated a man whom he had ordered out of town, who went by the name of either George Jackson or George Thomas, was in some way connected with Jackie Thomas, formerly a prostitute in the city; that he believed Jackson was a pimp, and as he did not allow any pimps in town he ordered him to leave; that as far as he knew Jackson had not transported Jackie Thomas to the city. He stated Jackson drove a car with an Ohio license #891 W H.

"Jerry Thomas submitted the following signed statement after being interviewed at the office of the Chief of Police:

"Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan  
September 14, 1936

"I, Thelma Mae Herron, better known as Jerry Thomas, make the following statement to C. W. Dunker, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice of my own free will, no threats or promises having been made to me for this statement.

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"I was born in [redacted] I went to school in Toledo, Ohio through the sixth grade and then got married at the age of 17 to [redacted] I am still married to him but we are separated. He is living in Toledo."

"Seven years ago I started practicing prostitution in Toledo at 329 Nebraska for Myrtle Jacobs also known as Myrtle Cairns who is no longer in business. Then I worked the streets for a while. I then worked for Sadie Sherman at 902 Monroe Street, the Shelby Hotel on Summit Street also the Oxford and the Riverside. I also worked in Kalamazoo, Lansing and Battle Creek, Michigan."

"In January of 1936 I was practicing prostitution in a house operated by Lena Winselberg, a Jewish woman, which is on Locust Street. I wrote Ciel Stewart in Sault Ste. Marie who operates a house of prostitution. I asked her if I could come back to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and work for her again. I had worked for her a year ago last January when I came from Kalamazoo."

"On about January 28 or 29, 1936, I got a ticket at the Union Station in Toledo which was sent there by Ciel Stewart. I signed the order and got my ticket and came up to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan from Toledo, Ohio on the train."

"When I got to Sault Ste. Marie I stopped at Ciel Stewart's, 400 Groschap who owns and operates a house of prostitution at that address. I have worked for her practicing prostitution at her house since January, 1936. I charge from \$2.00 on up depending on how much I can get. I give half of what I make to Ciel Stewart. I make from \$35.00 to \$75.00 a week which is half of what I take in."

"I am the only one who is working for Ciel now. This summer my sister "Jackie" Thomas was here and practiced prostitution at Ciel's. She drove up in her car a 1936 Ford V-8. Her husband is George Thomas who was up here until about three weeks ago with Jackie. They went back to Toledo, but I don't know where they are staying."

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"I do not know anything about "Jackie" writing to Kitty Sperry. I do not write to her. I only write to my mother, [redacted]"

"Before I came to Sault Ste. Marie, I lived with Jack Smith also known as "Smitty" at 317 Twelfth Street, Toledo, Ohio for about two weeks."

"After I came to Sault Ste. Marie, Jack Smith came up and stayed 3 or 4 days and then went back to Toledo. He is a taxi driver and works at "Knight and Yellow Cab, Incorporated" on Eleventh Street."

"George Thomas who is "Jackie" Thomas' husband, "Jackie" being my sister, came up to Sault Ste. Marie after "Jackie" about three weeks ago. He drove his car and she drove her own back to Toledo.

"Smitty" never has brought me from one state to another to practice prostitution, neither has George Thomas.

"Benjamin Franklin stayed with Oiel Stewart for a while. He is around some place, but I don't know much about him.

"I have read the foregoing statement made to me, consisting of five pages which is true and correct.

(signed) Jerry Thomas

Witnesses:

O. W. Dunker, Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Detroit, Michigan

Clarence Mining  
Sault Ste. Marie Police Dept.  
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

"Cecilia Stewart submitted a signed statement in which she admitted furnishing a railroad ticket to Jerry Thomas to come from Toledo, Ohio to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to practice prostitution. This statement is not being included here as it does not pertain to instant case. Cecilia Stewart further stated she did not have any information concerning Kitty Sperry in Toledo, Ohio, or the transportation of Jackie Thomas or any other girl to Toledo by Kitty Sperry. She stated Jackie Thomas never stayed with Sergeant Benjamin Franklin at 931 Brown Street which was the address of her mother. She stated she did not know of a George Duffy who was in the army at Fort Brady associating with Jackie Thomas; that both Jerry and Jackie Thomas worked for her as prostitutes on several occasions.

"Sergeant Benjamin Franklin, Fort Brady, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, stated he never knew of Jackie Thomas associating with a George Duffy and did not know a soldier by that name; that he never lived with her or had her stay with him at 931 Brown Street. He stated he did not know anything about Kitty Sperry writing to Jackie Thomas to come to Toledo, Ohio.

"Inquiry at Fort Brady did not reveal anyone there by the name of George Duffy."



In compliance with the mimeographed letter addressed to all field offices from the Cleveland Office dated September 12, 1936, a letter was written to Orville E. Atwood, Secretary of State, Lansing, Michigan, dated September 17, 1936, by Special Agent in Charge Harold E. Reinecke of the Detroit Office requesting that the stop notice placed on Ford Coupe, Model 40, Motor #18-429014, be withdrawn.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**THE CLEVELAND OFFICE AT CLEVELAND, OHIO** is requested to conduct an investigation at the offices of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company, Rockefeller Building, for the purpose of ascertaining the present whereabouts of Charles Becker and employees of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company who were in Bayview in the summer of 1934 and who are thought to have visited the Casino Club, as is reflected in the report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated June 23, 1936. If located, these persons should be interviewed as suggested in the letters of reference.

**THE DETROIT OFFICE AT SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN** will continue its efforts to contact members of the crews of boats of the Pittsburgh Supply Company as requested in report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated June 23, 1936, and letters from the Cleveland Office to the Detroit Office dated June 29, 1936 and July 15, 1936.

It is requested that should the **CLEVELAND OFFICE** be successful in securing any information from the Pittsburgh Steamship Company at Cleveland, Ohio, as to the itinerary or the present whereabouts of Charles Becker, the **DETROIT OFFICE** be advised.

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